



Accomando truck

Homeowner Lara Accomando is riding in style these days. She was one of 8 winners in a Dodge nationwide pick-up truck sweepstakes. The registration time for the drawing was a very short window—just a few hours. Lara made the trip to LaGrange to the Dodge dealership, hoping against hope. A few weeks later, she received notification that she had won, and that she needed to send in her driver's license number, social security number, etc. Trembling, she dialed the local dealership and discovered that, indeed, she was a lucky lady, and that this was not a case of identification fraud. Lara was able to choose the options that she wished, and the truck was delivered in February. Talking about style . . .

Two wishes granted

Two of our wishes from our wish list of the last newsletter were granted. Thanks to Aurora Printing Company for a paper shredder, to Trish Boase for a bookshelf used to display brochures in the office, and to April Smith (partner family) for assembling the bookshelf.

Some wishes still on the list include:

- White or color copy paper
- Stamps- A roll and/or book of stamps
- Ink- HP 97 or HP 96 cartridges
- Toner for a Brother SCX-4521F multifunction printer
- Camera case



Cars for Homes

The Habitat for Humanity Cars for Homes program has come to LaGrange. This program provides another way to support building affordable houses by donating cars, trucks, boats, RVs, motorcycles, or other vehicles. Funds raised from the sale of the vehicle donation (less applicable program, processing, towing, and auction fees) are distributed directly to LCHFH. If you itemize deductions on your income tax return, it may be possible to deduct your vehicle donation, since Habitat for Humanity International is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. Donors will receive appropriate receipts and should consult their tax adviser and/or the IRS to determine how they can benefit. For further information, log on to <http://www.habitat.org/carsforhomes/>.



Golf outing

Golfers, here's your opportunity to golf for a great cause—LaGrange County Habitat for Humanity. Lewis and Lambright Real Estate is sponsoring a charity golf outing on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at the Cedar Lake Golf Course. All proceeds go directly to LCHFH. Registration is due by April 25. Sign-in begins at 8:30 with a shot-gun start at 10:00. A steak dinner will follow. Please call the LCHFH office (464-8519) or Andy Peachey (336-1616) for further information. Registration forms are available at the Lewis and Lambright Real Estate office, the Cedar Lake Golf Course, or by calling 336-1616. The golf outing flyer is available on-line at <http://www.la-grangehabitat.org/documents/golfoutingflyer.pdf>



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Borkholder dedication

Thirty members of the community, including about a dozen children, were on hand on Saturday, March 1, for the dedication of LaGrange County Habitat's seventeenth home. The 3-bedroom home, built on a full basement, was constructed in partnership with the Elsie Borkholder family. Sam Borkholder, Elsie's son, led the ceremony. Renee Harville, LCHFH board member, read the dedication scripture, and Mont Arnold, board member and construction leader, closed the meeting with prayer. Harville and Laura Hartman, executive director of the organization, presented a Bible, donated by My Father's Business, to the family. Located northwest of Shipshewana, the family will be home to Mrs. Borkholder and her children, Elizabeth, Sarah, and Edward.

Auction 2008

Plan to spend the first day of August this year with LaGrange County Habitat for Humanity. The annual auction is scheduled for August 1 and 2 with the Wasepi's and great eats on Friday night, and, of course, the auction on Saturday.

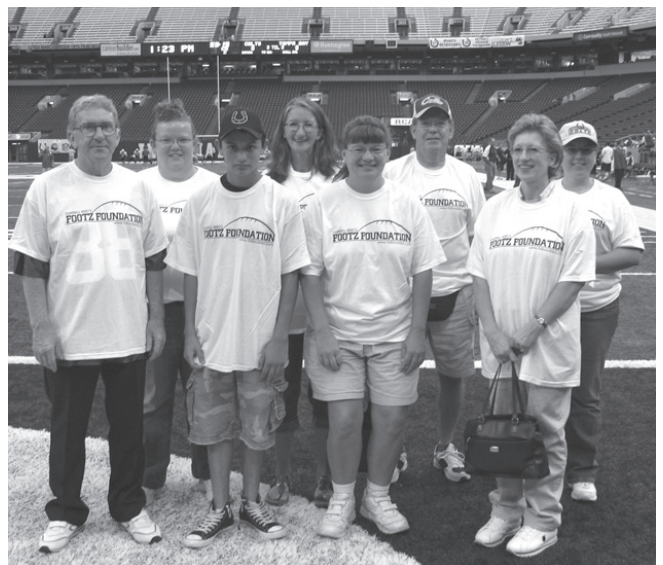


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works in partnership with God and people everywhere to develop communities with God's people in need, by building and renovating houses so that there are decent houses in decent communities in which people can live and grow into all God intended.

Colts game outing

Astroturf in an LCHFH bedroom floor? That's an idea suggested by Antonio Rodriguez, a Habitat partner teen, after trying out Astroturf in the Indianapolis Colts stadium as part of an outing sponsored by Habitat for Humanity Indiana. "It's soft enough to be bedroom carpet," according to Antonio. HFHI provided 8 tickets to our local affiliate for the Indianapolis/Tampa Bay game last October. For Antonio, a Buccaneer fan to the end, seeing a game in person was a dream come true (even though his team lost the game). "The most surprising thing and the most awesome thing to me was the 'Sea of Blue' after the game. It was like all you could see were blue and white shirts all over the city; that was pretty cool. Just to be in that stadium watching the game with all of those other excited people was an experience I will never forget," added Tonia Conley, Antonio's mother. The 8 Lagrange folks each received a Darrell Reid t-shirt, and they left one of our LCHFH shirts for the defensive tackle as well. Pizza and cokes were also provided for our representatives. "We all really enjoyed our time and were very grateful to have gotten to go," added Melissa Shoemaker, LCHFH board member. Thanks, HFHI. And, don't be surprised if Antonio redecorates his room in Astroturf green



From left: Jerry Shoemaker, Tonia Conley (homeowner), Antonio Rodriguez, Velda Miller (homeowner), Melissa Shoemaker (board member), Duane Feller (Lara's father), Betsy Miller (Velda's sister), and Lara Accomando (homeowner)

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