

# **Tri-County** News

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#### **Meeting:**

Second Monday of the Month 6:00 pm 114 E Main St, Wautoma (Upstairs in 1st Weber)

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# **Importance of Home**

The importance of home is universal — and its why so many people have been inspired to make Habitat for Humanity's mission their own. Through gifts of time and talent and the raising of walls and funds, volunteers, donors, advocates, staff, and partners have carried the work forward to ensure that every family in every community can achieve from the foundation of a strong and stable home.

# Schools in Session



### Connection between school and home

Research suggests that stable, affordable housing may increase children's opportunities for educational success. A supportive and stable home environment can complement the efforts of educators, leading to improved student achievement. Affordable housing may foster the educational success of low-income children by supporting family financial stability, reducing mobility, providing safe, nurturing living environments, and providing a platform for community development.

Interested in reading the whole article:

The-Impacts-of-Affordable-Housing-on-Education

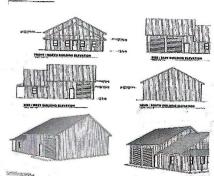


## Meet Board Member Dick Severson and His Wife Sharron

Dick has been a board member since before Habitat for Humanity serving Green Lake, Marquette, and Waushara Counties was established in 2014. He was an original board member of Habitat for Humanity of Green Lake.

Dick is a building block of Habitat for Humanity serving Green Lake, Marquette, and Waushara Counties. Dick owns his own construction business, Dick L. Severson General Construction and is one of our Building Site Coordinators. Dick has shared his experience and knowledge of building with Habitat for Humanity by coordinating contractors for concrete, electric, plumbing, building materials and so much more. He has setup multiple collection sites for aluminum cans in Green Lake and Waushara Counties and is working to setup another collection site in Marquette County. Dick's wife Sharron is a great help to team Habitat for Humanity. Sharron will go along with Dick monthly to help empty the various aluminum can collection sites, which is not an easy task. They sort through the bags, emptying the cans into garbage cans to make sure there is not garbage thrown in with the cans. When all sites are collected, Dick will take the cans to Sadoff Iron in Fond du Lac to turn in for cash. The money from the aluminum cans is a great monthly funding source to help with future builds and programs.

We are grateful for all the time and effort they donate to keep Habitat for Humanity serving Green Lake, Marquette, and Waushara Counties going.



# Help Us Continue Our Mission and Vision

We are excited to announce plans for our new building in Wautoma. We will use our new building as our office as well as the site for sales of donated items.

Interested in know more about this project?
Please call 920-787-2888 or email
<a href="mailto:habitatglmw@hfhglmw.org">habitatglmw@hfhglmw.org</a>.

Watch your local paper for an insert on this project.



Coming Soon!!

Repairs Program!!

# **Family Update**





This is the Stampfer family we built a home for in Markesan in 2019. This was the last house we built because right after COVID hit. We asked Aimee to write about her and her families experience of the home building process and working with Habitat for Humanity serving Green Lake, Marquette, and Waushara Counties.

This is Aimee's story.

I started as a renter. I rented for many years and my one wish was to provide my kids with stability in a home.

As we know, renting can be hard. My family grew and the apartment became smaller. Anything that would go wrong I would have to wait to have it fixed. At times it could take weeks to months to be fixed. Then came the part of myself and my three kids in a 2 bedroom. My room was crammed with me, and my two girls and my son had his own room as being the only boy in the house. I felt it was the right thing for us that he had his own space.

When we started the process for the Habitat application, and I was informed there were so many applicants, and they narrow it down to only one. Something told me to just go for it even though I had my doubts. It was the longest and hardest time waiting. Then you have the what if's, the interviews, and fixing the credit report. Then... I got the call from





Habitat. When my family and I were told we were the chosen family, we were completely blown away and for sure my prays were being answered. It was the most amazing feeling ever! I do want to say this, most people think that Habitat is for families with no money, and you receive a free house. That is not what Habitat is about. Habitat will help those families who meet an income qualification, hold a steady job, who can't get a loan or make a full down payment on a house. Habitat gives the opportunity to those families to help them get through these processes and out of the living situation that is not a great one for the family to be in.

The building process was amazing working with Dick was amazing as well as the other builders. We were included from day one with the plans, what would I like, what colors, where do you want this, how would you like that. My house is so perfect! We assisted with cleaning up after the projects or after big snowfalls, putting red paper down for the next project, removing rocks from the yard, and painting. I can say some days it was overwhelming and shocking. I would say, is this real is it really happening. Dick would tell me go here, pick out what you want. I would be like ahh, ahh, ahh, ok. Anything he asked I did. So many memories went into creating this home with love by so many and I couldn't be happier.

Being a homeowner is a new adventure. I now get to do my own lawn and plant flowers. If something is broken, I can fix it and I don't have to wait for it to be fixed. It is great, I love it. Also, we all have our own rooms, plus extra space. Best part, it's **HOME!** I can't thank the people from Habitat for Humanity enough for all they have done. Words can't express all the feels and emotions we have to say thank you!

# **What Will You Build?**



# **Donations**

Checks can be mailed to:

Habitat for Humanity GLMW PO Box 464 Wautoma, WI 54982

You can Drop off at office on Tues & Thurs 9-3:

114 E Main St Wautoma, WI 54982

# Online - please scan QR code



# **Spirit of Habitat**

A vital partner with Habitat for Humanity are the churches in the communities. They offer us prayers, financial support, and volunteers.

Our Mission and Vision are faith and service by building homes, bringing communities together, and building stability through God's love.

Habitat for Humanity serving Green Lake, Marquette, and Waushara Counties is currently seeking:

#### **Board Members**

and

#### **Committee Members**

Board members and Committee Members are vital to keep Habitat for Humanity running smoothly and effectively.

# If you are interested in being part of the board or a committee:

## email:

habitatglmw@hfhglmw.org

or call: 920-787-2888