



Union-Snyder

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Habitat for Humanity®

“Building Houses, Building Hope”



From left: Mickey Todd, 2008 Construction Volunteer of the Year; Cherie King, USHFH President; and Jeanne McGlaughlin, 2008 Non-Construction Volunteer of the Year are honored at the annual Volunteer Reception.

Jane Gibson Volunteers of the Year Announced

Jane Gibson served Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity as a volunteer on committees and the Board as an advocate of partner families until her death three years ago. In honor of her outstanding service, the Board named its Volunteer of the Year award after her.

This year, in considering who should be honored, the Board felt strongly that two people who have been diligently helping should both be honored at the annual reception.

Mickey Todd of Lewisburg has helped in the construction area. He began this year and was there about every step of the way. When we lost our framing foreman at the beginning of the house, Mickey took over,

putting in over 158 hours plus the time spent driving to the site.

“It was a real plus that we had someone this talented and willing to work for us,” said Paul Hoot.

Behind the scenes, we found another faithful volunteer, Jeanne McGlaughlin. As a resident of McClure, Jeanne lives farther away than most of our volunteers, yet she didn’t want distance to hamper her ability to help USHFH. She was asked to answer our 800 phone message line and pass on info and messages to the appropriate people. She began doing that in 2000 and has been handling it very well ever since, including getting someone to cover for her if she is away.

Also honored were volunteers giving 30 or more hours service: Jerry Baker, Marilyn Brill, Janie Coyne, Charles DeVanney, Chip Facka, Travis Ferry, Liz Fincke, Doug Gemberling, Sue Goddard, Evan Gora, Rick Gora, Bob Harrison, Cathy Hines, Randy Hines, Paul Hoot, Ginnie Hughes, Dick Jarrett, Cherie King, Beth Lobos, Elmer Maurer, Jeanne McGlaughlin, Mary Jean Moser, Holly Paige, Anna Palmer, Pam Perna, Wynn Pletcher, Sally Pyper, Tom Rambo, Merv Reedy, Richard Snook, Karen Sobol, Mickey Todd, Kim Walter, Susan Warner-Mills, Mike Weaver, Pat Wendt, and Sam Wood.

Bucknell Graduation Weekend Fundraiser

After the success of matching local hosts with visiting families at Susquehanna University's Family Weekend last fall (we raised \$1,200 with just a few homes), USHFH is planning a Host Family Fundraiser for Bucknell graduation weekend May 15-17, 2009. Family members attending graduation will be able to stay at local homes for one or two nights at a cost of \$100 per room per night. We are seeking host families with one or more available bedrooms (and baths) in the greater Lewisburg area.

Hosts will receive a receipt for a charitable contribution for use of their homes. Please consider helping by hosting for this event. Contact Kim Walter at 898-9175 or kwalter@evanhospital.com.



Paul Hoot, Tom Rambo and Travis Ferry socialize at the Volunteer Recognition Event.

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BAKER HOUSE IS



Nicole & Jerry Nicole visit with well-wishers outside their new home.

DONATION TOUCHES BOARD

Former Crest Homes employees regularly donated to a fund that was dispersed to groups that help those in need in the community. When they learned their plant would close the end of November, their final task was to decide who would get these funds. We feel touched that Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity was chosen to receive \$1,400 from these generous people facing difficult economic times.

We at USHFH were concerned and troubled at the news of the plant closing. We also were sorry that we could not properly thank Crest employees for their generosity, so we thought the best way to say thank you would be to let

you know what they did. If you know someone who worked for Crest Homes, please tell them how very special they are.

Donations are always accepted with gratitude. This special, generous gift will be used on our next home to be built in New Columbia. We invite Crest Homes former employees and the entire community to come out and see what this gift helps accomplish.

Other donations received recently were: \$2,000 from Sovereign Bank, \$1,000 from the Middlewarth Foundation, and \$1,000 from Wal-Mart. A heartfelt thanks to all of you, as well as to the individual donors who support the cause.



Campus News

Susquehanna University's Habitat for Humanity has grown both in membership and enthusiasm during the Fall 2008 semester. It has raised over \$2,000 in funds through various fundraisers, including "Build a Memory" at homecoming and "Trick or Treat for Change." Also members worked to educate their peers about the issues surrounding poverty and homelessness--locally, nationally and globally. Bucknell University's Habitat chapter is doing a great job also.

DEDICATED

Dedication of the home of Jerry, Nicole, Quincy and Quentyn Baker took place on the crisp, fall day of Oct. 18. Many friends, family, and Board members were present to show their excitement and support at completion of USHFH's 16th house.

Snyder County Commissioner Malcolm Derk welcomed Bakers to the community, and Pastor Alan Walter of Mt. Road God's Missionary Church of Penn's Creek led the dedication service.

USHFH president Cherie King presented a Bible to the family. Liz Fincke of the Family Support committee, USHFH treasurer Pat Wendt, and Nicole Baker's mother, Anna Palmer, also had presentations.

After the ceremony, everyone was invited to the backyard for a wiener roast. It was there that everyone saw the gift from Boy Scout Troop 401, a wonderful picnic table the boys made for the family. Nicole thought the table was just being lent for the roast, and was delighted she got to keep it.

"This is a great opportunity to own a house," Jerry said of the family's new three-bedroom ranch in Walnut Ridge Estates. "With the way credit is, it would have been almost impossible for us to buy a home." He thanked USHFH and all the people who worked to make this happen.



Pat Wendt, USHFH Treasurer, makes a presentation to the Bakers at the dedication service for their new home.

Below: Boy Scout T.J. Martin, standing with Jerry Baker, represents Troop 401 of Port Trevorton in presenting the fine, sturdy picnic table the troop built and gave to the Bakers. Jeff Sheaffer is Scoutmaster of the troop.



Eight Ways to Make a Bequest

You have worked hard to accumulate assets throughout your life. Including a bequest in your will to Union-Snyder Habitat For Humanity may be the best way to make a meaningful gift and save specific assets, such as property, securities or real estate, in case you or your family members need them in the future. Please contact USHFH Development Officer Sandy Hopkins at sandy@ushfh.org or 570-490-9158 for more information.

- 1. Specific bequest.** This is an outright gift of a certain item to a beneficiary. If the item has been disposed of before death, the bequest is not effective.
- 2. General bequest.** This is an outright bequest gift, usually of a stated sum of money. If there is not enough cash in the estate, other estate assets will be sold to meet the bequest.
- 3. Residuary bequest.** This is an outright bequest of all the "rest, residue and remainder" of an estate after other bequests, debts and taxes have been paid.
- 4. Contingent bequest.** This is a bequest made on the condition that a certain event must occur before distribution to the beneficiary. You can make provisions that money, property or a particular share will be given to some individual if that person survives you; otherwise, it is distributed to Habitat.
- 5. Restricted bequest.** You may restrict your gift by directing how you want it used or by allowing us to spend only the income earned on the principal.
- 6. Unrestricted bequest.** This gift has no conditions attached, allowing us to determine the wisest, most pressing need for the funds at the time of receipt.
- 7. Honorary or memorial bequest.** This is a gift given "in honor" or "in memory" of yourself, in your family's name, or on behalf of someone else.
- 8. Endowed bequest.** This allows you to restrict the principal of your gift, requiring funds to be held permanently and only a percentage to be used yearly.



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TWO TRAVEL TO BUILD

In November, Cherie King and Cathy Hines were privileged to take part in the Whirlpool Building Blocks event in Dallas, Texas. They were chosen to join 250 people from around the USA in building 9 houses in just 4 ½ days. Whirlpool Corporation sponsored the build, organizing the details of lodging, food and morale for all of the workers. Dallas HFH did much preparation for the event too.



Cathy Hines and Cherie King in Dallas

“It was a great week with a hardworking crew and homeowners. I was amazed at the camaraderie we built too,” Cathy said.

Cherie, having attended three Whirlpool builds the last three years, added, “I have learned so much at every one of these builds; this year’s lesson was finding a way to push forward even when we are experiencing difficult times. There is an energy in the air when you work on a Building Blocks project. You gain strength from those around you and feel like you can accomplish anything!”

Left: Action is nonstop on the worksite.

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