

Paul Hoot Honored at American Red Cross Heroes Breakfast

Praised for his selfless dedication to the Union Snyder Habitat for Humanity, Paul Hoot was honored May 8 at the Third Annual Heroes Breakfast, hosted by the Union County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Hoot, along with six others, was recognized for his "humanitarianism spirits and for making Union County a better place to live, work and play."

Pam Perna, member, Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors, presented Hoot with the Service Above Self Award.

Perna praised Hoot for his organizational skills, ability to work well with others and for taking on any job given to him as the chair of Habitat's Construction Committee.

"He is our hero," she said.

Hoot has been working on houses for the Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity since 2003.

During that time he has completed eight houses, including the Harder home, Reich home and the Lindsey home.



Paul Hoot, along with six other local heroes, was praised for helping to make Union County a better place.

"Paul has been a dedicated volunteer for Habitat for six years. He has worked on the construction of eight houses for our partner families. As a board member and as a member of the construction committee, Paul has provided us with invaluable guidance on building methods and helped us move to using more efficient and cost-effective building materials," said Cherie King, president of the Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity.

"I am honored to know Paul as he is a man who does so much for people, and yet, does not want anything in return. He is a hero to so many people in this area," said Tom Rambo, vice president of the Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity.

"Paul has helped teach young adults new skills and teamwork during the Bucknell and Susquehanna University

builds. We will have some large shoes to fill at the end of this year when his term as Construction Chair comes to an end," said King.



Paul Hoot, pictured left, was honored for his dedication to the Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity.

USHFH

Board of Directors

President—Cherie King

Vice President — Tom Rambo

Treasurer — Pat Wendt

Secretary — Holly Paige

Members

Charles Devanney, Julia Ferrente,

Rick Gora, Paul Hoot,

Jim Kazakavage, Greg Krohn,

Eric Lassahn, Pam Perna,

Mike Weaver

Sailboat to be Sold for USHFH Donation



**1988 Mac Gregor 26S w/ 2007 Trailer
\$8,500**

Dagger board water ballast model, four-person dinette, sleeps six, galley w/sink and pop top (can stand upright in cabin). Length: 25' 10", Beam: 7' 11", Draft: 18" with dagger board up and 5' 4" with dagger board down. Stored at owner's farm on trailer off-season. Additional Gear: 2004, 9.9 hp, 4-stroke Mercury Big Foot outboard motor (motor and bracket), 2007 Shorelander trailer, mainsail and two jibs, sail bags and cover, mast-raising system, stereo system, and detachable swim ladder. **Owner is donating the proceeds from this sale to Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity.** For additional information, contact Sandy at sandy@ushfh.org.

USHFH President Selected for Whirlpool Build

Cherie King, president of the Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity, was selected for the 2009 Whirlpool Building Blocks Build.

This is her fourth year in a row. She will be heading to Atlanta, Ga., in August

along with 250 other volunteers to

help build eight Habitat for Humanity houses.

She participated in 2006, where she helped build 10 houses in Nashville, Tenn.

In 2007, she helped build nine houses in Guadalupe, Ariz. and in 2008 she helped with nine houses in Dallas, Texas.



Cherie King, in Dallas, Texas.

USHFH Pursues Local 'ReStore'

A lightly used kitchen sink, a few extra fence posts or a set of patio bricks soon could provide the building blocks for much-needed homes for local families. Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity is considering opening a local "ReStore" as a way of recycling gently used items and raising funds to make home ownership a reality for more low-income families.

Habitat chapters across the country, including the Lycoming County affiliate, have launched similar efforts with much success. The benefits are two-fold. The ReStore provides the opportunity to find new uses for items that may otherwise end up in a landfill while at the same time raising money to build more homes for local families.

"With the current state of the economy, we are looking at ways to continue to grow and provide service to our neighbors in need" said Sandra Hopkins, Union-Snyder Habitat's development officer.

The ReStore concept is simple. Contractors with extra building materials,

merchants with discontinued or overstocked items, salvage yards or individuals donate items to the local Habitat chapter. The items are sold at the ReStore to the general public for half their retail value or less. The items are priced low to make home improvements more affordable for "do-it-yourselfers." Profits from the ReStore will support the mission of USHFH: building safe decent homes for deserving families.

USHFH expects to open the ReStore within a year. The local organization is seeking volunteers to serve on a start-up committee and plan the initial phases of the store. The affiliate is looking for individuals with experience in finance, recycling, real estate, construction, advertising and retail as well as Chamber of Commerce members to serve as liaisons to the community and local businesses and local residents interested in lending a hand.

To join the committee or to learn more about the ReStore, contact Sandra Hopkins at 570-490-9158 or sandy@ushfh.org.



Team Building with Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity

A productive team has an atmosphere of trust and is completely accountable for its results. Each of its team members invests in the team through his or her actions and attitudes. The team members are respectful, caring and cooperative. Research shows that it takes six times longer to function as an effective, productive team when you have not had time to meet in person and share a common experience. These teams are the mechanism by which organizations can unlock world-class results. Would you like your employees or clients to benefit from a day of fun with Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity?

- from all levels of the corporate hierarchy*
- ◆ *Communicate more efficiently and create new ways to relate to one another*
 - ◆ *New solutions to enhance team effectiveness and cohesiveness*
 - ◆ *Methods of problem solving and ways to handle conflict and differences*
 - ◆ *The importance of goals and vision*
 - ◆ *A sense of belonging*
 - ◆ *Forge bonds with clients while working toward a common goal*
 - ◆ *Make a direct positive impact in the community by assisting to build an affordable home for a deserving family in need!*

experience for new employees; or simply a fun way to get to know a different side of your coworkers. You can work exclusively with your group or invite clients / colleagues to join you or spend the day with our other active volunteers – you choose. What better way to forge a bond with coworkers and clients then to spend a day hammering and working toward a common goal?

Now your organization can join area churches, other businesses, civic clubs and individuals throughout our region helping Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity provide families in need the opportunity to achieve the American Dream — *homeownership.*

construction - all tools, safety equipment and building materials needed for the day will be provided. We will even provide the lunch for your crew! All you would need to provide would be the required donation of \$100 per volunteer per day (substitute a regular scheduled work day or come out on a Saturday). Reservations need to be made at least three weeks in advance. Maximum team size is 10 people, no minimum (we suggest teams of at least four.) Don ' t forget, this donation is **tax-deductible** for you, Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity is an official 501 (c) 3 nonprofit and your company will also be building goodwill and visibility within our community by receiving recognition in our newsletter, our Web site and local press releases.

Here is what they will get from one day of building a

Habitat home:

- ◆ *Get to know one another better in an informal setting*
- ◆ *Challenge employees to trust one another*
- ◆ *Break down barriers by interacting with coworkers*

Working on a Habitat for Humanity construction site can be a great team building experience! Team Build can be used as a reward for hard-working employees; an annual community service project; a team building

No Equipment or Skills Needed!

The program is facilitated by a professional crew leader - no construction skills or tools are required. Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity will provide skilled construction staff to train the volunteers and supervise

Sign Up Today to Insure Your Spot on the Next Home by contacting our Development Officer, Sandy Hopkins at 570-490-9158 or sandy@ushfh.org.

Quarter Auction

The Quarter Auction is an auction where you bid with quarters only. Items and/or cash used to purchase merchandise are donated to USHFH and valued at one, two, three or four quarters per bid. Each person attending buys a number of his choice

for \$2 or \$3 (no limit on amount of numbers you can buy). For each number purchased he will receive a paddle with that number on it; paddles are made from popsicle sticks and poster board. There is a corresponding ping pong ball for

each number.

Quarter Auction information continued on back page.





**Union – Snyder
Habitat for Humanity
Building Houses,
Building Hope**

**Call 570-374-2437
Toll free: 888-995-4387
On-line: www.usfh.org**

**For newsletter submissions:
Dawn Raszcewski, Editor
info@usfh.org**

**Mike Weaver--Technology
Consultant**

Quarter Auction Information Continued...

Once the number is purchased the ball goes into a container. At each table there will be a basket for the participants to place their quarters for each item being auctioned off. An item will come up for bid, the announcer will say what the value is; one, two, three or four quarters. The participants will place the appropriate number of quarters for each of their numbers in the basket. For example: If an item comes up that is two quarters and the participant wishes to use three numbers he purchased, he would place six quarters in

the basket, if he only wants to play one number he purchased then they would only place two quarters in the basket. The participant would then hold up his paddle with that number on it. When a table is done bidding for the item the basket is emptied by a volunteer, all quarters would then be placed in a zip lock bag labeled with the number corresponding to the item so that we can gauge what items bring in the most bids. The announcer would then start pulling out ping pong balls until there is a match with someone's paddle number.

That person would win the prize. The process is repeated for each item until all items are auctioned off. The majority of the four quarter items would be auctioned off first to entice people to purchase more quarters. The one, two and three, and some of the four quarter items would be mixed in order of auction.



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Selinsgrove, PA 17870-0064

PO Box 64

Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity



Non-Profit Organization
U.S Postage Paid
Permit No. 46
Selinsgrove, PA 17870