

Our Mission

Holmes County Habitat for Humanity is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and people everywhere, from all walks of life. They 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 that God intended.

Since 1995 Holmes County Habitat for Humanity has partnered with churches, businesses, organizations, and individuals to build and provide homes for 20 families, 88 individuals. They are experiencing the pride and stability provided by home ownership. Each family went through our education curriculum, worked hundreds of sweat equity hours, and then bought their homes at cost with an interest-free mortgage. With the continuing rising costs of housing, there is a demand in Holmes County for the work of Habitat. Everyone deserves the opportunity for a safe, decent and affordable home.

One of Habitat's natural partners is the church community. Building a Habitat home provides the church an outlet for missions, fellowship, and putting faith into action. The *Apostles Build* is a new program at Holmes County HFH designed to encourage churches to take part in this ministry by providing the opportunity for affordable housing to those in need right here in Holmes County.

“During the last several years we have had the distinct pleasure of being involved with the construction of several Habitat houses by providing landscaping services.

The wide range of support I've seen from suppliers and the public has continually impressed me. This kind of response is a real testimony to the type of community we live in, but also the type of organization Habitat for Humanity is, especially the Holmes County chapter.

We are privileged to play a small supportive role in this organization. ”

- Kim Kellogg, Grasshopper Property Maintenance



“It has been several years since we were first asked to be financially involved in a Habitat for Humanity house that was being built in Millersburg. We have since decided to support the program on a monthly basis and will continue to do so.

It was a thrill to see the excitement of the family who was moving into that house. The children could not believe all the space they had to use and it was all their own.

The beauty of this program, for me, is that the recipients are not just given the house but they have to pay for it as they can. Because of this we can, along with others from the community, make a difference in a family's life. ”

- Mel Yoder, Yoder Lumber Company, Inc.



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Everett & Jennifer Baker Family
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Apostles Build 2007



An Apostles Build is a true demonstration of Theology of the Hammer, a phrase coined by HFHI Founder Millard Fuller. We can set our differences aside and use a hammer as an instrument to manifest God's love.

Holmes County Habitat for Humanity works with the local community to build simple, decent homes for hardworking deserving families. Nineteen homes have been built in our county and through our tithe, more than ten homes have been built in Honduras. Since hundreds of families in our community are still in need of affordable housing, our work continues.

Area churches have been one of the many important partners in our ministry. With the rising demand for affordable housing in front of us, we want to reach out to more of the faith community for support through the **Apostles Build** program. Habitat for Humanity is a servant of the church providing a concrete opportunity for people to put faith into action.

What is an Apostles Build?

This type of build is a partnership that allows twelve individual churches to join together to fully fund and build a house for a local family. As Jesus' original apostles were charged with spreading the word about Jesus, our twelve apostles are charged with assisting in Habitat's mission to provide decent shelter for God's children.

How Will It Work?

Each "apostle" will be responsible for 1/12 of the cost of the home and 1/12 of the volunteer labor. It's that simple. You will need to raise a little money, recruit two dozen volunteers, and provide a liaison as a contact person and you'll be ready. The liaison will work alongside our Construction Supervisor to see that this experience is full of joy and blessings for everyone involved.

What are the Responsibilities?

Here's a brief list of what each "apostle" will be responsible for:

- Provide someone to serve as a liaison between your church and Holmes County Habitat.
- Select a coordinator for volunteers, lunches, fundraisers, events within your church.
- Provide volunteers for each Saturday workday.
- Provide lunch at the work site on some workdays.
- Raise \$4,500
- Promote the build within your congregation. (*bulletins, bulletin boards, etc.*)
- Encourage your members to attend the ceremonies at the work site. (*Groundbreaking and the Dedication of the Home*)



“ We highly value our involvement with Habitat for Humanity. The HFH program is a great way to build community among the churches of Holmes County while providing some much needed housing. It is a great way to serve Christ. ”

- Ernie Hershberger, Pastor, Berlin Mennonite Church

What Will Habitat Provide?

We will provide the building site, house plan, and a carefully screened partner family to work with you. Our Construction Supervisor will order all materials, have them on site, and will schedule all sub-contractors and inspections. We will provide construction expertise and leadership to support your congregation. Other details can be found on the Apostles Build Fact Sheet.

Benefits of a Partnership

There are numerous benefits to this partnership. Here are three:

- It offers people a way to share God's love and leads people to grow in their faith.
- It can often attract new members and involve inactive members by providing an opportunity to see tangible results of their efforts as they work side by side.
- It gives a chance to participate in a ministry of service that has a beginning and an end.

Will you prayerfully consider joining us in Apostles Build 2007?

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