



# Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity®

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Winter Newsletter 2016

## Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity Selects 2017 Partner Family

Six years ago Paulina and Eddy Kruger, along with their three children Adrian (6), Gabriel (9) and Valerie (6), boarded a bus from Chicago bound for Marshfield, WI. Carrying only a bag of clothes, the Kruger's were in search of a better life and a safe place to raise their family. And here in Marshfield, they found just that.

*"Having the opportunity to own a home means everything to us. We are most looking forward to a yard for the kids and something to call our own"*

*-Paulina Kruger*

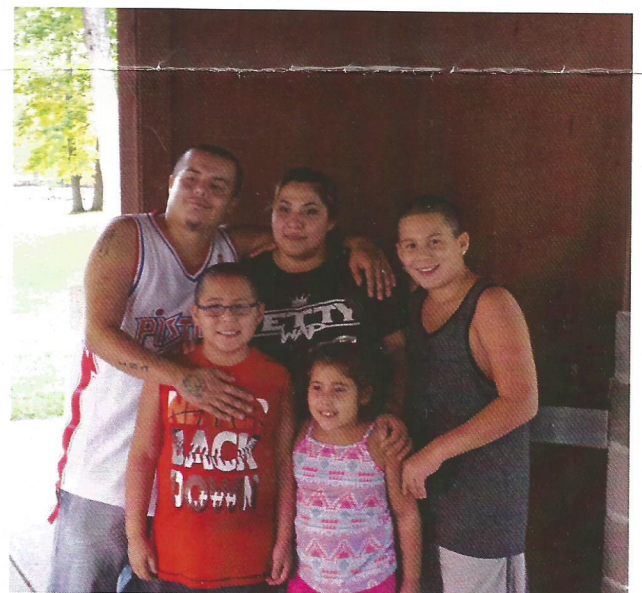
"We came here from Chicago where we couldn't even safely take our kids to the park," Eddy commented. "We've found that Marshfield is all about being nice and taking care of each other." The Kruger family has enjoyed the community so much that they have encouraged and helped their extended family relocate to Marshfield as well.

The Krugers heard about MAHFH from their current landlord who recommended they look into it. After seeing the Habitat construction trailer around town and doing some online research, they applied and went through the process with Habitat's Family Selection Committee. After review, reference checks, interviews and current living site evaluation, the Krugers were selected unanimously by the Habitat Board of Directors.

Paulina and Eddy have dreamt about owning a home and having a place for their kids to wrestle and run around as kids are meant to do. They are so eager that Eddy has already begun working on his "sweat equity" hours that are required for home ownership. Paulina works as a shift manager at Aldi and Eddy works out of the home with three active and happy children. Adrian, who is a 6th grader at Grant Elementary school is most looking forward to having his own room and maybe hanging some basketball and football posters.

Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity (MAHFH) is elated to introduce the Krugers as our 2017 Partner Family. Construction will begin on South Peach in the spring and we hope to move the family in by September. "We've made a life here and we're so proud of ourselves, but owning this home will be a dream come true," stated Paulina.

*To learn more about Habitat homeownership or to apply for our critical home repair program for needed repairs to an existing home, call the Habitat office at 715-384-7533.*





## MAHFH welcomes new Board Members in 2016

**Gisele Berninghaus** - My husband Tim and I moved to Marshfield in November 2015 when I was called to serve as Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church. In previous congregations, I enjoyed working on a Women's build and Tim has volunteered on builds for many years. The goal of providing safe and adequate housing is important to me and I enjoy the way Habitat connects a variety of people within communities working together to provide new opportunities.

**Ed Korlesky** I am a retired manager at Marshfield Clinic. I joined habitat because I always liked building things. Habitat has been a good fit for me to volunteer some of my spare time and helps me feel I am filling a need and making an important contribution to the community.

**Crystal Rosplock** - I was born and raised in the Marshfield area and have worked in the community for many years. As a Coldwell Banker Real Estate Professional I have the pleasure of working with buyers and sellers. I am very excited to be part of our local chapter and joined MAHFH to help our community continue to be successful in providing quality affordable housing to partner families. I truly enjoy the happiness home ownership brings to families

**Brent Ystad** - I work at the Marshfield Area YMCA as the Youth and Family Program Director. As well as working at the YMCA, I coach the women's volleyball and basketball teams at UW-Marshfield/Wood County. Habitat for Humanity is a great organization that's helps the community, which is why I wanted to be a board member. Giving back and helping the community is very important to me and I believe that through Habitat I can continue my passion.

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## Committee Members

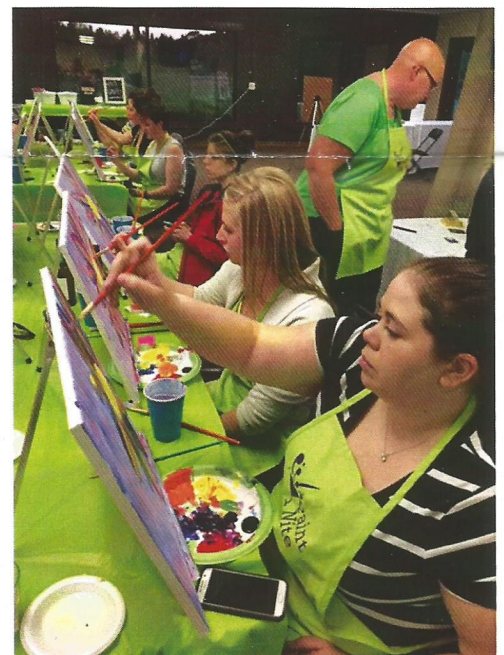
Don Zais critical home repair chair

Ed Plotka technology committee chair

Arlene Norberg office manager

## PaintNite Fundraiser

The paint is dry, the brushes are clean, and new paintings are hanging in homes. We want to thank everyone who took the time to get creative with MAHFH! We held our first ever PaintNite fundraiser event at RiverEdge Golf Course on May 18, 2016. The evening was complete with drinks, appetizers, a silent auction, paint supplies and countless laughs. Because of our tremendous turnout and support, \$1600 was raised to help build strength, stability and self-reliance right here in our own community.



# Thank you for your generous support

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## Country Singer Eric Paslay Visits MAHFH

Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity (MAHFH) got a visit from country singer and songwriter Eric Paslay before his Central WI State Fair performance in September.

Paslay visited local MAHFH partner family Jake and Jackie Vick, along with their son Nikalus and MSHFH Board members. Paslay has a new single, "Angels in This Town" and is promoting the message of the song by visiting and helping local folks in their communities who are truly "angels in their town". The Vicks received MAHFH's 17<sup>th</sup> home in November, 2015. The home is located at 1205 South Maple Avenue in Marshfield.



## Ways to Give

**Donate** – Habitat is supported through individual donors and private grants. Your support - \$20 per month – or any amount you can afford helps local families build a decent place to call home.

**Amazon Smile** – shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of your eligible purchases to a charitable organization. Just choose Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity!

**Thrivent Choice** – a program for members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Allows members to designate a portion of their premiums to non-profit charitable organizations such as Habitat.

**Cars for Homes** - Call Cars for Homes toll-free at 1-877-277-4344 for more information (they take boats, RVs and trucks too).



Associated Bank President Chad Curtis and Branch Manager, Megan Kramas present MAHFH president Jack Farris with a \$5,000 donation in September.

## Regional ReStore

Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity has partnered with our Regional ReStore to collect donations and support local low income, working families.

The Regional Restore is located just two miles south of Mauston, WI and accepts many different items including furniture, building materials, electrical items, household goods, furnaces, stoves, TV's and much more .

The ReStore will even pick up your items. Call 715-384-7533 or 888-844-8055 to schedule a pick up.

Store hours are Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 9am-4pm. For more information, visit [www.centralwi-restore.com](http://www.centralwi-restore.com).

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