



Marshfield Area
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Habitat says Goodbye to Construction Chair

Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity (MAHFH) is losing a very special construction manager. Don Zais is stepping down as the coordinator after overseeing builds for 12 families and 2 rehab homes. His wealth of information, organizational skills, dedication to Habitat, and his personal concern for our families will be truly missed. Don has donated many, many long hours of hard work.

Hard work is nothing new to Don. Since grade school until now, he has helped elderly ladies with yard work, worked on farms, worked for the Soo Line Railroad, during college worked nights at a gas station, worked in the Lab at Marshfield Clinic and retired in 2000 after 35 years, holding various management positions. When Don retired, his wife Lyn said, "he took off his tie and picked up a hammer. The rest is history!"

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During this time he was no stranger to volunteerism. Currently, he is active at First Presbyterian Church as its Chair of Building and Grounds, Clerk of Session, and Worship Committee. Other worthwhile causes that Don gives his time (besides Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity) to include: Rotary Wonderland, Senior Citizen Taxes coordinator, and Aging and Disability Resource Center. Don's dedication to the Marshfield area was recognized in 2012 by the Marshfield Area Community Foundation (MACF). He was awarded the Anne Adler Community Service Award. At that time, Executive Director for MACF Amber Kiggins-Leifheit said, "Don is involved in every facet of Habitat, and in many ways is Mr. Habitat."

The good news for Habitat is that Don will work with our new construction manager during the transition. In addition, Don will continue as our Restore Coordinator, a program that he was instrumental in bringing to the MAHFH. Working with the Mauston Restore, this program continues to bring in over \$6,000 annually.

Don's building expertise will be missed. We thank him for his dedication and long-time commitment to MAHFH. He truly has made Marshfield a better place!



We are changing our planning and construction processes. MAHFH relies primarily on volunteers to do the majority of building our homes, but we need someone with building expertise to oversee this process and give guidance to our volunteers. We are seeking a new Build Chair. If you are interested in contracting with us as a general contractor and carpenter, please contact Don Zais at (715) 384-8748 for more specific information.



Now Accepting Applications

MAHFH is currently accepting applications from low income families in the Marshfield and Spencer area whose current housing is in substandard condition.

Qualified applicant(s) must have an income to support monthly mortgage payments of \$550 and must be unable to obtain a conventional mortgage loan. The applicant(s) must be willing to contribute 250 hours of agreed work activities (sweat equity) per adult family member and to participate in the Habitat homeowner education sessions.

Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity invites people from all walks of life to work together in partnership to build homes with families in need. MAHFH does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, handicapping condition, religion, national origin, marital status, family status or sources of income.

Families interested in applying or learning more about this program should contact the MAHFH office at (715) 384-7533 by April 30, 2014.

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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 and accepts many different items such as furniture, building materials, electrical items, household goods, furnaces, stoves, TV's and more .

The ReStore will 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.

Regional Habitat ReStore
N3696 Hwy 12-16
Mauston, WI

FAITH FIRE
BENEFIT CONCERT for Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity
FRIDAY 7:00 pm
MAY 2

Would you like to spend an evening singing along to some of your favorite Christian rock songs?

Would you like to hear the **FAITH LUTHERAN PRAISE BAND** play at an event that you can enjoy with family and friends?

We'll be hosting a benefit concert for **Habitat for Humanity**. Everyone is invited to this family event! Come and hear great music to raise money for an important cause!

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