



## **Thrivent Choice Program Benefits Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity**

Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity (MAHFH) is now part of the Thrivent Choice Program. This program sponsored by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a not-for-profit corporation, allows its eligible members to select from congregations, educational institutions or non-profit charitable organizations to donate a portion of their insurance premiums or contract value to a designated organization.

***“Giving back is important to our members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.”***

Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity is now a designated organization. “The Thrivent Choice charitable grant program engages Thrivent members and chapters in providing grants that support charitable activities, furthering Thrivent’s mission and its purposes under state law. It is simple to designate MAHFH.”

To designate funds to MAHFH, contact Mike Stecker at the local Thrivent Financial office (715-389-2278) or go to the web page for Thrivent Choice for details on the step by step process <https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/index.html>. Mike and his office assistants can help anyone interested in being part of the Thrivent Choice Program sign up in person at the office on Tuesdays. It is suggested that you call ahead for an appointment.

In addition, the local Wood County Board for Thrivent Financial has generously given to MAHFH. On a regular basis we are receiving monies from Thrivent because of its caring members. In May, the Thrivent Board gave \$1000 to MAHFH matching some of the funds raised by the Faith Fire concert.

Consider signing up for the Thrivent Choice Program. Your Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity will benefit from your kindness. Thank You Thrivent Financial.

## **Seeking Build Chair**

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 or the Habitat office at (715) 384-7533 for more specific information.

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## Now Accepting Applications for the next Home Build

You may have noticed we didn't build in 2014. Unfortunately we did not have a qualified family apply for housing. Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity is now accepting applications for the next home build. Check to see if you, or someone you know, qualifies:

- Lives in substandard housing
- Unable to get a conventional loan
- Has an household income between \$18,100 - \$30,150
- Is willing to help build their home
- Has been a resident in the Marshfield, Spencer, Stratford, Pittsville, Auburndale area for at least two years

Habitat invites people from all walks of life to work together in partnership to build homes with families in need.

To apply, please visit our website at [www.marshfieldhabitat.org](http://www.marshfieldhabitat.org) or call the office at (715) 384-7533.

Although we are always accepting applicants, application must be received by January 15th to be considered for the 2015 build.

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## 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).

**Regional Habitat ReStore**  
**N3696 Hwy 12-16**  
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# Thank you for your generous support

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## \$5000 +

Marawood Construction Services, Inc  
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Kamps, Richard  
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## \$1000-\$4999

BELKA Furnishings  
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Thomas, Dan  
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Breu, Leah  
Cross, Linda  
Cusic, Georgeanne  
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Kofka, Karen  
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Moen, Noreen  
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Parker, Jean M.  
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# Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity Volunteer of the Year

The Faith Lutheran Praise Band from Faith Lutheran Church in Marshfield was honored in October as Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity's "Volunteer of the Year". This group took the nontraditional route of volunteering by putting together a Faith Fire Benefit Concert to raise funds for MAHFH. "The reason this was such a special event is that this christian rock band did all of the work. They contacted us, promoted heavily through ads, press releases, posters and radio promos", said MAHFH board president Diane Wolf.

The concert, held in May 2, 2014, included testimonials from a partner family, the MAHFH Build Chair Don Zais and the Board President Diane Wolf. In addition to great music, the event had a robust silent auction to add excitement.

The Faith Fire Benefit Concert event raised over \$4100. All proceeds were donated to Habitat for Humanity.

## ***Faith Fire - band members, Voices of Praise choir, MC, projection, and sound***

*Dave Smith, Beth Behnke-Seper, Kurt Dovenbarger, Molly Stewart, Julie Felhofer, Christian Parker, Randy Lueth, Linda Nelson-Schreiber, Maria Brix, Jillian Behling, Olivia Devadas, Chelsea Akin, Pat Anderson, Cheryl Ashbeck, Bonnie Brix, Melissa Brix, Julie Crist, Paul Dietsche, Sherrie Framness, Thom Gerretson, Sue Jansen, Kari Jensen, Ron Jensen, Jeff Johnson, Lois Krahn, Gary Laehn, Maxine Madison, Doug Petznick, Judy Rhodes, Kathy Stockton-Behnke, Jean Swenson, Harold Werth, Cheryl Zimmerman, Kim Vrana, Bill Engel, David Behnke-Seper*

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