2022 Summer Newsletter

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Habitat Welcomes New Tartner Family

Marshfield Area Habitat is pleased to announce Ryan and Melissa Kusay as our new 2022 partner family. Ryan and Melissa have three children: Gannon age 6, Zaylee age 4, and the newest arrival Jaylynn age 1.

Ryan joined the Army in 2009 and was stationed in Afghanistan. He was severely wounded from an IED, (Improvised Explosive Device) during



his Tour of Duty. He is permanently disabled due to his war injuries. Melissa is currently a Veterans Affairs caregiver. They have lived in Marshfield since his discharge from the Army in 2013. Ryan is active with the Marshfield VFW and a member of St. John's Catholic Church.

Habitat will be building the Kusay house at the corner of N Juno Ave and E Blodgett Street in Marshfield. Groundbreaking for the new home was June 24 and construction will be starting soon. Weather permitting, we will be working every Saturday into September.

Ryan gave so much for us with his service to this country and we are proud to help him build a home for his family.



Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity (MAHFH) was formed in 1994 as a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. This will be the 20th house that MAHFH has built in the Marshfield area and the Kusay's are the 25th Partner Family we have served.

Marshfield Area Habitat looks ahead to 2023

Marshfield Area Habitat has begun taking applications for our 2023 Partner Family. Do you have inadequate housing? Is your current home too small for your family? Is the place you rent rundown? We have properties in Marshfield and Spencer and are looking for prospective Partner Families. To qualify, your income cannot be higher than 160% of the poverty level for Wood County. Currently about \$45,000 for a family of four. You cannot qualify for a conventional home loan and you cannot currently own your own home. Individuals that have recently filed for bankruptcy and felons are not eligible. You must be able to afford the home mortgage payments and have lived in the Marshfield Area for at least one year.

Contact the Marshfield Habitat Office at 715-384-7533 or email us at <u>marshfieldhabitat@gmail.com</u> for more information and an application.

Marshfield Area Habitat welcomes new Board Member

Marshfield Area Habitat recently welcomed its newest board member David Murphy. David is the president of Marshfield Medical Center Credit Union, MMCCU, a position he has held since 2018. He is originally from the Tomah area. He graduated from the University of Eau Claire and moved to Marshfield in 2010 when he was hired by the credit union. In joining the board David said, "I've been blessed in my life in the opportunities given to me, and I try to give back whenever possible."





In loving Memory

Marshfield Area Habitat was saddened with the untimely death of one of our Board Members and treasurer Debbie Fleming. Deb passed away in October of 2021 after a short illness. She had been a Board Member since July of 2019.

Marshfield Area Habitat does more than build houses

Through a generous grant from the DeVedder family Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity has begun an Emergency Home Repair Program. This program is designed to help low income and elderly people remain in their existing homes in a safe manner.



The program provides interest free loans to people for repairs (roofs, etc.) or replacement of critical home appliances such as water heaters and furnaces. The program also provides for items that make a home safer such as grab bars and ramps for access for elderly and handicapped individuals.

The expectation is that loans are repaid within five years so that the program can continue.

Marshfield Area Habitat Needs YOU!!!

We need volunteers! Whether to help build the Kusay's house or join our Board of Directors, we need you!!! When approaching people about joining the Board, they often say: "I don't know anything about construction". Not a problem. Marshfield Habitat needs Board Members with a variety of skills, we need people in marketing and communications, we need people in accounting and banking, we need people that know about real estate, we need people for fundraising, and our family selection/support committee needs volunteers. And of course, we need people who can swing a hammer too.

So, if you believe in our philosophy that everyone deserves a safe, adequate and affordable place to live, come join us. If you have been blessed and want to give back to people in your community who have had some hardships or are just less fortunate, please consider volunteering. One or two hours a month. Join one of our committees, become a Board Member. There are numerous opportunities to help and everything we do stays in the community. Contact the office for more information.

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