Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity's

GINGERBREAD BUILD CONTEST

Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity (MAHFH) invites you or your group to participate in our first **Gingerbread Build Contest** by building your own gingerbread house! All houses will be on display in the Marshfield Mall from Saturday, November 23rd through Saturday, December 7th, 2019.

The exhibit raises money for MAHFH through donations collected in the exhibit as viewers 'vote' for their favorite gingerbread house. MAHFH will use these donations to continue our mission of helping income qualified families purchase or rehab a home.

To participate in the competition, pick up an entry from at the Habitat office or download the entry form at www.marshfieldhabitat.org. (Click on the Gingerbread House link.) Send your completed entry form and entry fee to us at the address below. Or, drop off it off at the Fairway Mortgage office at 211 S Central Ave. (Monday - Friday 8 am - 5pm. only).

REGISTER EARLY! Space is limited - only the first 30 entries are guaranteed display space!

There are two divisions in which to enter: Youth Groups and Adult Individuals or Groups. A 'starter kit' may be picked up beginning November 7th at the Fairway Mortgage office. Assemble your house and decorate with edible materials. See the following pages for details.

Join the fun this holiday season. This is a wonderful community event and an opportunity to showcase your talents, receive recognition for your business, school, or group. We look forward to hearing from you!

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for more information visit
www.marshfieldhabitat.org

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GENERAL INFORMATION

DISPLAY

All houses will be displayed at the Marshfield Mall, 503 E. Ives St. Marshfield, WI 54449 and online at the Marshfield Habitat for Humanity website (www.marshfieldhabitat.org) from November 23 through December 7th. Bring your completed house to the Mall Lot # ___ (next to GNC). Your entry will be photographed and assigned a number and a location. Please allow a few minutes for check in.

DATES

- Registration: October 15 through November 7, 2019
- Kits available for pickup Nov. 7th – 20th, at Fairway Mortgage
- Delivery of Completed Houses: Friday, Nov. 22, 4-8 pm; Saturday Nov 23, 10 am- 2pm
- Online Voting: Nov. 23rd – Dec. 5th
- In Person Voting: Nov. 23rd – Dec. 7th, until 12:00 noon.
- Winners Announced: During program beginning at 1:00 pm, Dec 7th
- Pickup your houses: Saturday, December 7th after 3:00 p.m.

VOTING

Votes for houses will be tallied by the dollar amount of donations received in person and online for each house.

DONATIONS

In addition to 'voting' for specific houses, this contest raises money for Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity. All donations will be used for the onging Habitat Builds. We thank you for your support!

ENTRY FEE

A $25 Entry Fee is required along with the entry form.

ENTRY FORMS

- Entry forms are available online at www.marshfieldhabitat.org, at the Marshfield Habitat Office and at Fairway Mortgage.
- Entry form and the $25 entry fee must be returned by November 7th to the Habitat office or at Fairway Mortgage.

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CONSTRUCTION GUIDELINES

GINGERBREAD KIT

Beginning November 7th kits may be picked up at Fairway Mortgage. Kits will contain a 24" x 24" plywood base, four gingerbread 'wall' pieces and two gingerbread 'roof' pieces. You are required to use all pieces in the kit in your contest submission.

STRUCTURE

- Cover the base with paper. On the bottom side (non-papered side) write your name or group name.
- Lightly mark 2 inches around the outside perimeter of the base. Do not decorate these outside two inches. This will allow you to handle your display once it is completed.
- You must use the four gingerbread wall pieces and the two roof pieces, but you are not limited to those. You may add structural features using your own gingerbread pieces. If baking your own, allow several days between baking and assembling to avoid shrinkage (See gingerbread recipe below).
- Structure cannot exceed 24 inches in height. For taller entries (15" – 24"), we suggest using an infrastructure to stabilize your house. You may use foam core, heavy cardboard, styrofoam, or even rice crispy treats! Remember, the houses will be on display for two weeks. The combination of heat, moisture, and weight can cause your house to deteriorate if there is not enough support or icing used.
- To avoid icings from softening, becoming rancid, or disintegrating, we recommend using a Royal Icing (see Royal Icing recipe below).
- Do use a LOT of Royal Icing to assemble and decorate. Allow each portion to dry and harden before moving.
- Do not include any battery or electric components.
- Do not use anything on your house that requires refrigeration.

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GINGERBREAD RECIPE

1 c. sugar
1/2 c. margarine
1 c. light or dark molasses
5 c. flour
3 tsp. ground ginger
2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground cloves
1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. baking soda
2/3 c. water

Preheat oven to 350°. Cream sugar and margarine until light & fluffy. Beat in molasses. Mix dry ingredients together in a bowl. Gradually mix dry ingredients, alternately with water, into sugar mixture to form a stiff dough. If dough seems too soft, add up to 1 cup more flour. Chill dough for 15 minutes.

Divide dough into 3 equal parts. Shape each part into a ball. Lightly dust surface with flour. Roll each dough ball out to 1/4 inch thick. Move dough to parchment-lined baking sheet cut dough to size desired but do not remove excess dough. Bake 10-15 minutes or until firm to the touch. Recut as soon as gingerbread comes out of oven. Remove when dough is cooled. Let cool completely on a flat surface. Air dry to harden overnight.

ROYAL ICING RECIPE

Mix together:

1 lb. powdered sugar
3 Tbsp. meringue powder
1/2 tsp. cream of tartar

Add

3 1/2 oz. water (slightly less than ½ cup)

Beat

Beat until icing forms stiff peaks and will hold a sharp line when knife is drawn through. Keep covered with a damp cloth to keep icing from drying out. Work with a small amount of icing at a time. Store unused icing in a tightly closed container. Makes about 2 ½ cups.
(*Meringue powder can be found at cake decorating or craft stores.)*

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ENTRY FORM

CATEGORY	☐ **YOUTH GROUP**	☐ **GROUP NAME:** _____ **# IN GROUP:** _____
	☐ **ADULT INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP**	☐ **INDIVIDUAL** **NAME:**
NAME/TITLE OF HOUSE		
CONTACT PERSON:		**CONTACT PHONE:**
AFTER THE PROGRAM, WILL YOU PICKUP YOUR HOUSE OR DONATE IT TO MARSHFIELD AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY?		☐ **PICKUP HOUSE** ☐ **DONATE HOUSE**

Note: The $25.00 entry fee must accompany this form.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Entry Form:	Date Received:
	Received By: (initials)
Entry Fee Received	□ Cash (initial) □ Check #_____
Kit Pick up:	Date Picked Up:
	Picked Up By: (signature)
Submission:	Date/Time Submitted:
	Submitted by: (signature)
	Received By: (initials)
Issued:	□ Number _____ □ Voting Box Issued □ Picture Taken □ Picture Posted □ Name Card Made & Placed
Picked Up By:	signature: