



Marshfield Area

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2023 FALL NEWSLETTER

Vinny gets a New Home!!

Thanks to your generosity, Vinny was able to move into a new house this past winter.

Vinny is ten years old and has a condition called Spina bifida. Spina bifida affects the spine and is usually apparent at birth. It is a type of neural tube defect (NTD). Spina bifida can happen anywhere along the spine if the neural tube does not close all the way. When the neural tube does not close all the way, the backbone that protects the spinal cord does not form and close, as it should. Because of this, Vinny is in a wheelchair. Vinny's old house was not handicap accessible, there were stairs to enter the house, narrow doorways, no bathtub on the main floor and no features that could help Vinny be independent. Whenever Vinny needed to leave the house, for example, going to school, someone had to carry him down a short flight of stairs and on his return home, once inside, Vinny had to be transferred to a chair and wait until his parents brought the wheelchair in from the vehicle.



In his new home, Vinny scoots up the ramp, built by volunteers, on his own. This has set Vinny on a path of independence.

His mother Jackie said, ***"I am very proud of my son that he can do things on his own."***

Vinny is enjoying his new home, his own space, and his new found independence, along with his two sisters, Maya age five, Ava age four and his parents Jackie and James.

Thank you to the volunteers and to those who donate to our local Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity®, which makes improving lives, not just a hope, but also a reality in our community.



Novy Fund continues to provide emergency home repairs to local residents

Several years ago, Dennis and Roberta DeVetter established a memorial fund in honor of Roberta's family (Novy). The fund was established at Marshfield Area Community Foundation as a designated fund for use by our Habitat affiliate to assist low income and elderly Marshfield Area individuals/families who need safety items (grab bars, hand rails, ramps) installed to remain in their existing homes in a safe manner.



The program also provides help with critical home repairs by offering interest free loans for materials and labor provided by MAHFH volunteers.

If you know someone in the Marshfield area who could benefit from critical home repairs, contact us today for more information.
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Mauston Habitat ReStore

Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity partners with the Mauston ReStore to collect items for donation which help fund our local community builds from the resale of all donated items. The Mauston ReStore is located just two miles south of Mauston, WI and accepts many different items including kitchen cabinets, furniture, building materials, electrical supplies, appliances, flat screen TV's and many other items. All donations must be functional, in good repair, reusable and able to be resold.

The Restore will even pick up your items. Call 715-384-7533 or 608-847-2000 to schedule a pick up.

Store hours are Tuesday-Saturday 9am-4pm

For more information, visit www.maustonrestore.com

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MAHFH Welcomes New Board Members in 2023



Brent Ystad

I'm Brent Ystad and very excited to be a part of Habitat for Humanity! Being able to help and give back to the community is very important to me; and I feel Habitat for Humanity is a great organization. Currently I'm a 3rd Grade teacher at Grant Elementary and coach a variety of sports within the school district and UWSP Marshfield as well. In my free time I enjoy coaching, playing & watching sports, helping throughout the community, hiking, movies, theater, visiting new places and staying active.

Kent Mueller

Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity welcomed Kent Mueller as a Board Member back in Spring. Originally from Clintonville, Kent attended the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, where he received his degree in accounting. His first job after graduating was with Hawkins Ash Baptie in Marshfield as an accountant/auditor. He then spent almost 6 years in Eagan, MN working for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, but was eager to come back to Marshfield. He then worked at Marshfield Utilities for almost 25 years, most recently as its Financial Manager. He retired in January and took the opportunity to use some newly-found free time to get involved with Habitat for Humanity, in addition to spending more time with his wife Cindy. He enjoys looking at real estate listings, so being on Habitat's site selection committee, looking for vacant lots to build a home for a deserving family, is a perfect match for him. He is looking forward to being involved with the building process for Habitat's next house. He is also active at Faith Lutheran Church, serving as its treasurer and also on its facilities team.



Gisele Berninghaus

In 2015, my husband Tim and I moved to Marshfield in order for me to serve as Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church. After working with homeless folks during my seminary days in Washington D.C. I have continued my involvement to provide housing in various communities. Now in retirement, I am thankful to work with Habitat for Humanity and the important work they do. Recently Tim and I helped with a Habitat build in New Orleans. We've also been involved with refugee resettlement and I enjoy volunteering with Hart Equine Therapeutic Center.

Ashley Fredrick

I am honored to join the team at Habitat for Humanity as a newly appointed board member, contributing to the organization's mission of building a world where everyone has a home. I have my bachelor's degree in healthcare administration and my master's degree in business administration. I am the Broker/Owner of NextHome Hub City and with over 11 years of experience in real estate and construction, I bring a wealth of expertise in land acquisition, negotiating, and building. Beyond my professional endeavors, my passion for social impact has always been a driving force in my life. I firmly believe in the power of community-driven initiatives and the transformative impact of safe, affordable housing on individuals and families. In my spare time, I enjoy traveling with my husband, playing volleyball and golf, and volunteering with several other organizations including: The Marshfield Tiger Booster Club, Big Brother Big Sister, and Main Street Marshfield. I am eager to engage with the community that is at the heart of Habitat for Humanity's work. I look forward to learning from my fellow board members, collaborating with the team, and making a meaningful impact on the lives of those in need.





Thank You to our Generous Donors!



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