Marshfield Area
Habitat for Humanity®

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2026 Summer Newsletter

Donated Lots Help Local Families

Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity received a donation of a lot on East Third Street in Marshfield from **Donna Rozar**, a two-term member of the Wisconsin State Assembly.

This generous donation will financially benefit a local family by reducing the cost of the 2026 build.

A beautiful gift of neighbors helping neighbors.

Donna Rozar pictured with David Murphy, Board Treasurer and Don Zais, Board President.

A Habitat home is not a giveaway program. We partner with qualifying families to provide **affordable** housing. We offer a zero percent interest mortgage based on the cost of the lot, permits, and materials for the build. Donations and volunteers keep these costs down. We also require our partner families to volunteer hours helping build their own house and serving in the community they live in.

Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity also received a lot donated in memory of Elizabeth and Aloys Riendl on South Vine Avenue in December 2024 that will be used for a future build. Our gratitude to sisters **Ida Lee, Ellen Olsen, Mary Tyrrell, Anne Riendl, and Susan Riendl.**

A house. A chance. A future.

"A house is something visible. It is a place in which to be. An address – in a neighborhood. It is the site where loved ones live. It is where children study, play and grow. It is where friends and family come to visit. A house is incredibly important to a family. A house is to a family what soil is to a plant. It is a place to be rooted, a foundation on which children can grow, develop, and become all that God intended."

Excerpt from **More than Houses** by Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity Needs You!

BUILDING COMMITTEE

This includes people who have an interest in and may have knowledge of home construction. This can include surveyors, architects, people who know building codes, carpenters, concrete workers, plumbers, electricians, utility people and building supply people. There is a lot to know about building houses. If you have any knowledge at all, or if you would like some on the job training, join us.

DEVELOPMENT/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

These are people to identify and approach potential donors (individual, church, corporate) for either cash or "in-kind" gifts of material, labor, property, or support. This committee also needs people who can develop fundraising material and help with grant writing. You will be surprised to find how eager people are to give when they understand the principles of Habitat!

HOMEOWNER SELECTION/SUPPORT COMMITTEE

This committee is made up of people willing to interview and work with families who have made application to be a partner family with Habitat. These people will also check to make certain that the applicant families meet the criteria established by Habitat for homeownership. Working with the Family Support Committee, you will find certain joy in making what seems an unobtainable dream come true for some of these families!

This includes people who have good "social/people" skills to work with partner families both before and after construction to be sure that the families know what is required in the area of sweat equity, to provide a record of that time requirement, and to help in the transition of true homeownership. These sponsor/advocate/friends may also help the families in the areas of budgeting and home maintenance.

COMMUNICATION/MARKETING/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

People who can write articles for newsletters, and one or two who would like to work with local media are needed for this committee. Persons interested in volunteering to serve on this committee may also speak to church groups and other groups and organization about our projects and our mission. People on this committee help the affiliate "get the word out."

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE

These include people who are interested in identifying potential sites for construction. This includes working with local government officials on acquiring land and lots for building, water and sewer hookups and working with the construction committee to be sure lots are "buildable" for a house that is suitable for a partner family. Those who like to dabble in real estate would be natural members. Others are welcome too!

VOLUNTEER/CHURCH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The people who serve on this committee help organize and contact other volunteers to set up time and places to work…whether in the office, or on the job. This group also keeps track of volunteer hours, and sets criteria for volunteer recognition.

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Are you interested in serving on our Board or one of our committees?

Contact the office at **715-384-7533** or marshfieldhabitat@gmail.com

Meet Our 2026 Partner Family

After meeting Habitat for Humanity's criteria for a partner family, the MAHFH Board of Directors chose Crystal, David and children Alyana (16), Chloe (13), Brooklyn (10) and Jace (7) as our 2026 Partner Family becoming the 27th local family to receive a home through the Habitat program. In addition to financial qualifications, the family will volunteer 'sweat equity' hours which can be a combination of volunteer hours in the community and build hours on their new home.

Congratulations Crystal, David and family, we look forward to working with you.

Welcome to the Habitat family!

How long have you been a part of the Marshfield community?

Crystal: Since we were born!

How did you learn about becoming a partner family with Marshfield Area Habitat?

Crystal: We heard about being a partner family from my mom's friend that partnered with Habitat to get a house built for her family.

Who was the first person you told, after you were chosen as MAHFH's partner family for 2026?

Crystal: My Mom, Stepdad and brother Noah.
David: My best friends, Mikey and Jusin.

For the children…What are you looking forward to the most, in regard to having your own home?

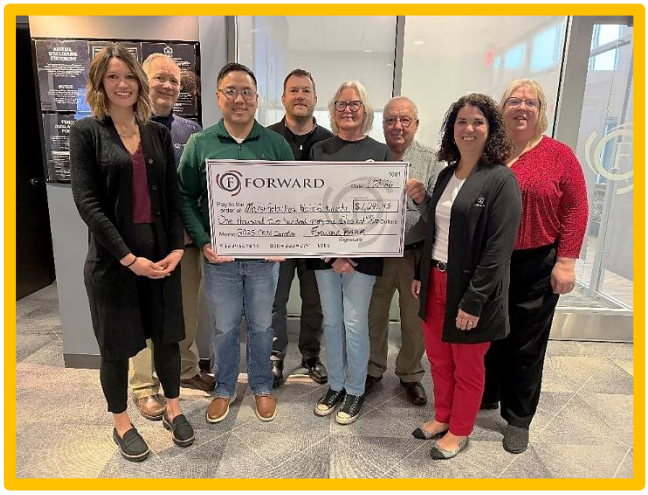
Alyana: My own room and a bigger space.
Chloe: Looking forward to having friends over for sleepovers and having a forever home.
Brooklynn: Having sleepovers and one home to finish growing up in.
Jace: Having my own room with all my toys in it.

Want to help build their house? ***We have opportunities for everyone!***

Check our website and Facebook page for updates throughout the summer on opportunities to volunteer.

Moving Forward…

Forward donates
$1,291.45
to Marshfield Area Habitat
through their Charitable
Money Market for 2025



Donations Received

between July 1, 2025 – May 11, 2026

Your donation builds...Strength, Stability, Self-reliance, and Shelter

$1 - $99

Campbell, John & Kathy
Grace Lutheran Church
Lange, Norman
Moen, Noreen
Mueller, Kent & Cynthia
Potocnik, Sue
TeStrake, Lois
Writz, Paul & Nina

$1,000 - $4,999

Fairway Home Mortgage
Fidelity Charitable
Forward Financial Charitable Giving Money Market
Hawkins Ash CPAs
Hayes, John & Stephanie
Marshfield Medical Center Credit Union
Mauston ReStore
Mazza, Joe & Ginny
NextHome Hub City
Novy Habitat for Humanity Fund
Peterson, Carol & Jeff
Praxel, Theodore & Kathleen
Toyama, Gerri
Zondlo, Jeff & Candice

$100 - $499

Berninghaus, Gisele & Van Eyck, Timothy
Billings, Joyce & Ken
Borchardt, Mark & Stone, Gwen
Brubaker, Barry & Margaret
Burger, Joe & Terry
Cain, Jim & Janet
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Englehart, Edward & Debra
Fern, James & Shirley
First Presbyterian Church
Finnegan, Brian & Karen
Fredrick, Ashley & Ben
Gowey Abstract & Title Co
Hansen, Donna
Hasenohrl, Kathleen
Helwig, Sharon
Kelman, Donald & Cynthia
Krake, Darlene
Marshfield Lions Club
Nelson, Mark & OBrien, Bridget
Penno, Linda & Tim
Pizza Ranch - Marshfield
Plechaty, Leslie & Richard
Re/Max American Dream
Rice's More Than Floors
Schreiber, Donald & Nelson-Schreiber, Linda
Stratford Homes
Swenson, Ken & Jean
Vornholt, Karen
Weber, David
Zittleman, Ken & Norma

$500 - $999

American Endowment Foundation
Baker, Kurt & Joyce
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Espada, Carmen & Cancel, Efrain
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The Boson Company Inc.
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$5,000 and above

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