

# SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER



## Meet MAHFH's Newest Partner Family

Our 2024 build is taking place in Spencer. The head of our newest Partner Family is Cassy who grew up in Spencer and attended Spencer High School. She works full-time hours and juggles a busy life with three boys. Kaiden is ten years old, Dominic is seven years old and Avry just turned six.



We recently had a little interview with Cassy.

**HFH:** "Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity is run by volunteers and donations. We try to build a home a year, but it isn't always possible and it is a slow process. "When you were finally informed you were chosen as a Partner Family, who was the first person you told you were chosen for a habitat home?"

**Cassy:** "I was on the way to take my friend Laci for surgery and she was in the vehicle when I got the call that we got the house. So previous to surgery, we celebrated and I was in shock we actually got it!"

**HFH:** "What are your busy boys looking forward to, in having their own home and their individual space?"

**Cassy:** "The boys are very much excited to be right up the road from their friends, but also just having their own room! Sharing rooms have worked, but they cannot wait to decorate their own space."

**HFH:** "As a Partner Family we ask that, families to put in 'Sweat Equity', hours of volunteer work or working on your own build. It's a way to be a part of the community. What have you been doing for your 'Sweat Equity'?"

**Cassy:** "Currently this summer we have been very busy with sports and counseling. So equity hours I've put in have been at the house every week. We offered to do volunteer work at the church, which we just started, and also at my cousins work. It would be yard things and extra things they need done around the facility. Working on our home has been the coolest experience and the opportunity to meet some really fantastic people! They are very good at guiding and showing me exactly what needs to be done! This has been a blessing and in the future I would like to continue helping."

**HFH:** "Marshfield Area Habitat For Humanity is so excited for you and we welcome you to the Habitat Family! We look forward to your enthusiasm and eagerness to help and give back to the community on future builds."

# WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

## Debra Brock

I am so looking forward to being a part of the team at Habitat for Humanity as a newly appointed board member and being a part of helping to assure everyone has a home.

I have an accounting and Human Resource background. I spent 37 years of my working career with Marshfield Clinic/Marshfield Clinic Health System (MCHS). I spent my first 25 years with them in the Finance areas. During my time in Finance, I managed The Payroll department, Employee Travel and Reimbursements department and the Vendor Accounts Payable department. I worked the remainder of my years with MCHS in the Human Resources department. I worked in the Employee Relations area of HR. This allowed me the opportunity to travel to many of the MCHS facilities in the North and Central areas of Wisconsin. This allowed me to work with many managers and the staff at these sites. I retired from MCHS in April of 2022.

Retirement has offered me many opportunities of volunteering to help others and I am happy to add Habitat for Humanity to the growing list of volunteering opportunities. I truly believe that there is nothing more fulfilling than helping others.

I love to travel, but my husband is not yet retired, so we haven't been able to travel as much as I would like. Fortunately, I have fabulous friends that I have been able to travel with. My favorite trip, albeit not far, is going to Madison, WI. This will likely always be my favorite place to visit. My daughter and her husband and their beautiful twin daughters live there. Spending time with them is priceless.



## Jill Shulz

I retired from a 35 year career in education in 2022. During my tenure in education I taught many different grades and subjects. The last 10 years of my career I spent as the elementary principal at Spencer Elementary School. I'm excited that the first Habitat build of my service on the board is in Spencer!

My husband Rob and I love spending time with our two daughters and their families. Our four grandchildren are the light of our lives. We also enjoy traveling and cheering on our Wisconsin sports teams.

I'm excited to serve, learn and grow as a member of the Habitat for Humanity board.



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## Novy Fund provides emergency home repairs

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.

Contact us today for more information. [715-384-7533](tel:715-384-7533) / [marshfieldhabitat@gmail.com](mailto:marshfieldhabitat@gmail.com)



### Donate, reuse or recycle?

ReStore 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.



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. The Restore will even pick up your items. Call 715-384-7533 to schedule a pick up. Store hours are Tuesday-Saturday 9am-4pm

For more information, visit [www.maustonrestore.com](http://www.maustonrestore.com)

### \$\$\$ DID YOU KNOW....

Did you know that if you are 72 or older, you can donate to Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity directly from an IRA? This enables you to donate and not pay taxes on that portion of the money deducted from your IRA. You do not need to itemize deductions to claim this tax break. Any donations made directly from an IRA also count toward your MDA (minimum distribution amount). Contact your financial adviser for more details and to donate from pre-tax dollars.



# THANK YOU TO OUR FAITHFUL DONORS

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