



## THE HOUSE CALL

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### **ARE YOU PART OF THE "BIG PICTURE"?**

- \*Join the Board or a committee
- \*Come and work at the building site
- \*Make a financial donation
- \*Buy playhouse or quilt raffle tickets
- \*Donate property
- \*Donate building materials
- \*Participate in the Valu Home Center Fundraising Campaign
- \*Pray for us! (Thank you!)

## BUILD UPDATE!



It's Spring! And time to break out the hammers and hard hats! Habitat volunteers are making slow but steady progress on House #12 located on East State Street in Albion. Even during the long, cold winter, work continued whenever possible. The roof and windows are now in place. Electrical work is ready for inspection, plumbing work has been started, and putting up drywall is next on the list of work items. Most of the Tyvek house wrap is on and the siding has been started. A stone driveway is in place and cellar stairs have been built. Our partner homeowner, Jesse Downey, has already put in many hours of "sweat equity" at the site. He is a very dedicated and capable worker. Jesse works for Community Action in the Weatherization Program and is familiar with many construction skills. It is wonderful to see the obvious pride he takes in the construction of his new home. His young daughter, Cassidy, visited the site on Saturday and walked through her home-to-be, stopping in her "bedroom" to decide where she would like her bed to be put and pointing out the space that will be her closet. Volunteers are hoping the good weather continues and that workers will be out in force!

## SPOTLIGHT ON: PARTNER FAMILY #12



Orleans Habitat for Humanity is proud to introduce Jesse Downey and his two children, Colin, 8, and Cassidy, 5, as our twelfth partner family. As noted above, Jesse works in the Weatherization Program with the Community Action organization. He is also a deacon and regular participant in his church, Barre Center Presbyterian Church. Jesse has spent most of his Saturday mornings and many hours during the week working on his future home. His work skills come in handy and he is a "quick study", learning from the more experienced volunteers and willing to try his hand at almost any task. He is a devoted father, cheering on his son as he begins his baseball career and showing his daughter her new

home-to-be. Jesse's mom, Anne Downey, is a frequent babysitter and sometimes stops by the building site to check on progress. Jesse has made a special effort to work with all the building volunteers and to thank them for their time and effort in helping his family become Orleans Habitat's newest homeowner.

## MISSING IN ACTION - WHERE HAVE ALL THE VOLUNTEERS GONE?



Now that spring has sprung – at least on the calendar, Orleans Habitat is busy moving ahead with the work on House #12. But, many of our volunteer workers seem to have disappeared along with the snow! **We need you!** Volunteers are needed at the work site on East State Street in Albion each Saturday morning from 9 until 1. If that time commitment is too long, even an hour or two of help would be greatly appreciated. Do you know how to put up siding? **We need you!** Are you good at wielding a paint brush? **We need you!** Would you like to do some landscaping? **We need you!** Do you have a big heart and a little time? **We need you!**

Our volunteer coordinator is Maureen Hungerford who can be contacted via email at [mhungerf@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mhungerf@rochester.rr.com) or by phone at 585-798-5414. The affiliate website ([www.orchesthfh.org](http://www.orchesthfh.org)) also has information about work days and times. You may also call the Habitat office located at St. Peter Lutheran Church on West Ave. in Medina at 585-798-0953 and leave a message with the secretary or on the answering machine.

## ***THANK YOU!***



Orleans Habitat For Humanity is deeply grateful to all the volunteers and donors who have given so generously of their time, talent, and funds to continue the work of this organization. We wish to recognize here those people who have made a donation or contribution since our previous newsletter.

Janet Albanese  
Nancy Albanese  
Barre Center Presbyterian Church  
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David & Nelda Callard  
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### ***In Honor of Vicki Wolfe***

Donations received from: Mark D. & Virginia Wolfe; John D. & Terri L. Luban

### ***Special Thanks***

Orleans Habitat for Humanity would like to acknowledge a very generous donation of \$1000 from Mark and Nancy Schaaf of Fulshear, Texas. Your generosity and continued support is greatly appreciated.

Orleans Habitat for Humanity would also like to thank the generous volunteers who have donated their professional expertise and time to keep Build # 12 on track:

**Armour Building Supply of Batavia**  
**Matthew Martin, Genesee Country Roofing**  
**John McElwain**  
**Dave Thom**  
**Audi Usselmann**

**Shingles**  
**Roofing**  
**Electrical**  
**Plumbing**  
**Heating**

### **Orleans Habitat Joins Habitat New York State**



At its January meeting, the Board of Directors for Orleans Habitat for Humanity passed a resolution to become a part of the coalition of Habitat affiliates that comprise the organization known as Habitat for Humanity New York State. This group of Habitat affiliates works together to advocate for issues important to Habitat members in New York State. Membership also allows Orleans Habitat to attend conferences for reduced registration fees and to access online resources.

## TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!



Since the redesigned playhouse was a big hit last year, it is making a return appearance this spring and summer. The next edition of Orleans Habitat's annual playhouse raffle is already underway and tickets are available for purchase. Once again, Greentree Builders and Barden Homes have generously donated materials and labor for the construction of the playhouse. As the playhouse raffle is a major fundraiser for our organization, we look to the local community for continued support. Ticket prices remain the same as last year: one for \$2, three for \$5, six for \$10, and fifteen for \$20. Tickets for purchase are available with this newsletter or from any Board member.

Tickets will also be available at many local events during the coming months.

The drawing will take place on the last day of the Orleans County Fair. Be on the alert as the playhouse will be on display at a number of different locations – you won't want to miss it!

Orleans Habitat is also deeply grateful to Hannah Pollard-Brant for the donation of a hand-sewn quilt which is also being raffled as a means of raising funds for our construction work. The quilt shown in the picture will also be on display at local events around town this spring and summer. Ticket prices are the same as the playhouse and ticket buyers are welcome to mix and match tickets for both the playhouse and the quilt.



## ORLEANS HABITAT PARTICIPATES IN HOME SHOW



For the second year, Orleans Habitat volunteers manned a booth at the Medina Home Show held in the YMCA building during the first weekend of April. Orleans Habitat would like to thank the Home Show organizers for their very generous donation of booth space for our organization. Many visitors stopped to purchase playhouse and quilt raffle tickets or to chat with Board members and learn more about the work that Habitat is doing in Orleans County. The Home Show was a wonderful opportunity for Habitat to make contact with members of the community and volunteers enjoyed their time in the booth. Thank you to all who stopped to visit, purchased raffle tickets, or left your name on our volunteer list. Hope to see all of you again next year!



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**CALENDAR NOTES**

On-site work days	Saturday, 9 A. M. - 1 P. M.
Board Meeting	June 23, 2009
Board Meeting	July 28, 2009
Board Meeting	August 25, 2009
Board Meeting	September 22, 2009
Board Meeting	October 27, 2009
Board Meeting	November 24, 2009
Board Meeting	December 22, 2009

*If you are interested in attending a Board meeting or in joining our Board of Directors, please feel free to come to one of our meetings. If you have questions about the Board, you are welcome to email one of the current Board members and gather whatever information you might need. The more Board and committee members we have, the less work each of one of us needs to do. There truly is strength in numbers.*

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*Board meetings are now held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at St. Peter Lutheran Church on West Ave. in Medina. Regular Board meetings are scheduled to begin at 6:30 P. M. Board members are notified if there is a change in meeting date, time, or place.*

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## **Our Mailing List**

While we believe that we have an important message to share, we understand that not everyone welcomes our mailings. If you wish to be removed from our mailing list, **please** call us at **585-798-0953** and leave a message. If you have moved and this letter has been forwarded to you, please call us with the needed corrections. If you have friends or relatives who would like to be added to our mailing list, please call and let us know.

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