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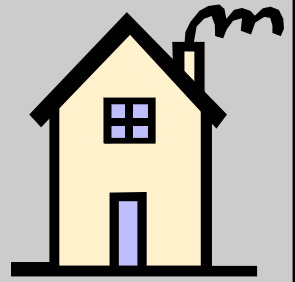


Heart and Hammer...

In an effort to communicate our mission to community friends, we are issuing this newsletter each month to local churches to provide information on our building, sponsorship and fund-raising activity. We hope to work with you this year!



Moving Forward



Recently I was reminded again of how important our mission at Habitat for Humanity is in the life of our community here in Williamson County. During a breakfast meeting last week at a local restaurant a young woman saw the Habitat for Humanity logo on some materials we were discussing. She informed me that she had just submitted an application for consideration to the family selection committee and she was hopeful that she might be picked. She went on to tell me that she was a single mom, a recovering alcoholic who at one time was an avid golfer. She actually had played golf on a college golf team in North Carolina. She also mentioned that she had a dream of going back to school to further her education and chances at better employment. I don't know whether this woman will qualify for a home. I do know that within our community there continues to be an opportunity to extend a hand up to those struggling to make a better life for themselves. All of us, a board member, a homeowner or a community supporter want to be looking for opportunities to find those in need. We are all called to serve others.



All of use know what momentum is. We know when an organization has it or when it doesn't. Right now HFHWC has several things going that demonstrate the building momentum of our organization. We have hired Laurie Kush, formerly our office manager, to the post of Development Director. She will be responsible for generating funds and sponsorships to help us serve more people. We are currently very close to developing an "E-store" where donated materials and supplies can be offered online as a way to generate additional funding. We currently have nine sponsors for this year. Our goal continues to be moving toward 15 a year. With the help of Craig Barber we currently are working on a business plan to formalize our processes and tactics as we move into the future. We are about to begin a new year of family selection and we currently are still accepting applications. We stand currently at 59 homes built since our inception. We have much to celebrate!

Each year affiliates are awarded nationally in three categories (small, middle and large) for exemplary performance. In 2004 HFHWC was awarded MidAmerica Region Affiliate of the Year (four states). We were also awarded Middle Size Affiliate of the Year for 2004. This is a national honor that speaks highly of the efforts of the staff and board. Give Ermon a pat on the back the next time you see him!

In closing, thank you for the role you play in helping our affiliate flourish. I recently read a quote, "no one is as smart as all of us." Please continue to think and pray for ways we might serve better. You have made a difference in the past and you will make a difference in the future. May God's will be done!

By Steve Lewis, Board President

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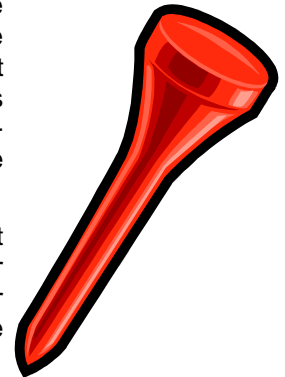
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TEE UP FOR HOUSING

Williamson County's 9th annual HABLtee golf tournament is just around the corner. This popular fundraising event will be held on July 11th at Legends Golf Club in Franklin. Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County hopes to raise \$75,000 this year and have assembled some fantastic prizes for the winning participants! Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place teams finishing the tournament, as well as individuals who raise the most money. First, second and third place teams win lunch and a round of golf at The Honors Course, The Golf Club of Tennessee and Vanderbilt Legends Golf Club, respectively. Individuals who raise \$1,250 will receive a \$100 gift certificate to a golf shop. Those who raise \$3,000 will receive their choice of a golf club (\$300 retail value) or a two-night/three day visit to Whitestone Country inn, including room, breakfast and dinner for two. For \$7,000 raised, the golfer earns either a golf club (\$500 retail value) or a two-night/three-day stay at any Ritz Carlton Resort in the US, including accommodations for two adults and two children, breakfast and \$150 Ritz currency. The prize for individuals raising \$10,000 is a three-night/four day Pinehurst getaway for two people that includes one round of golf per day.

All participants must solicit contributions in order to play. Habitat will follow-up with the contributors after the tournament. However, participants are encouraged to have as much money as possible in hand the day of the tournament. The HABLtee is an 18-hole tournament played in a four-man scramble format. Golfers can sign up as a team or as individuals. (Habitat will assist in grouping individuals into four-man teams.) All teams must designate one member as captain.

Those interested in participating in HABLtee should contact wither Andy Bailey or Laurie Kush. Contact Any at 207-7200 or andy.bailey@mynationlink.com. Contact Laurie at 977-2127 or kushgal@aol.com. Be sure to by "HABLtee" in the subject line of your e-mail.



Wish List: crew bosses, professional roofers, utility trailer, pick-up truck, folding tables, fax machine

HFHWC Named 2004 Best Mid-Sized Affiliate!

Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County has been named 2004 Best Mid-Sized Affiliate by Habitat for Humanity International. The award is based on annual house production, maintaining a Christian identity, selection and support of families, business management and governance, increase in numbers and local partnership and collaboration.

"This is truly a group award," says Executive Director Ermon Lature. "Without the work of everyone involved in Habitat: the Board, our hundreds of volunteers, our homeowners, and the staff HFHWC would not have received this honor."

The award will be presented at the National Executive Directors Conference in July.



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