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# Raising the Roof

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## MISSION

*Habitat for Humanity of DeKalb County unites God's people to provide decent, affordable housing for families in need.*

## MEET A PARTNER FAMILY

Beginning with this newsletter we will be highlighting a partner family and asking them let you know what it has been like for them to be a partner family with Habitat. This newsletter we will highlight the Kathy Johnson family from Genoa. Kathy has two children.

## Johnson's ~Living the Dream!

It was Easter of 2003 when I was informed my family had been selected to be the next recipients of the astounding blessing of homeownership via the Habitat for Humanity team of angels. It has been a distinct privilege to be involved with such an incredible organization assembled in the name of Christ to bestow the dream of a lifetime upon us. In these fragile economic times where a roof over your head is more of a precious treasure than it was eight years ago, I continue to count my endless blessing for this miraculous provision we live out each day! Together with hundreds of volunteers Habitat "raised our roof" and with a kind and generous spirit placed us under it, and with thanksgiving we still call it home! The entire journey from orientation night to dedication of my new home was marked with love, empathy, and compassion on behalf of the affiliate and John Horst, general contractor, who has the most benevolent humanitarian heart in the world since Christ's ascension! We worked for eight months of straight Saturdays rain or shine and we were home for Christmas! May each and every one of you who has given to this worthwhile cause be blessed in abundance and know your gifts do make a difference in the lives of many.....most especially ours!! ☺

**Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!  
The Johnson Family**

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## OFFICE UPDATE

Over the last several months we have experienced some challenges within our office. Some for the good and some for the not so good. First the good:

Thanks to Le Print Express, over the last several years we have been able to utilize the mail services they have out at WalMart. However, Le Print is moving to another location and thus we are losing our mail services. So our mailing address is changing effective December 1, 2010. Our new address is:

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PO Box 503  
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Due to some changes in schedules our office hours have been changed once again. As always, office hours are subject to change. Our new hours will be Monday evenings from approximately 5:15pm to 8:00pm.

Now the not so good. We have been working on trying to get our newsletter electronic. That is a work in progress and hope to have that available early next year sometime. In the meantime, we have found out that parts of our website apparently have been infected with a virus. Therefore, we are currently working on a new website. We ask for your patience while we complete this venture. The new "holding company" will allow us better security and we hope to have some new features available including the ability to handle online donations directly to us. Our web address will not change.



Are you on Facebook? If so, so are we!!!! We would love to have you join us. Please come and join our group! We are listed as Habitat for Humanity of DeKalb County!

## THANK YOU

Back in the spring we were awarded a grant from the DeKalb County Community Foundation. This grant is allowing us to do some updates in our office including purchasing and updating our computer which will allow us to purchase a laptop that we can take with us to give presentations to the community, changing and updating our website, and going toward electronic newsletter disbursement. THANK YOU DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION!

In the late spring we were notified by the 3M Community Support that we were chosen to be the recipients of the funds generated from their Closest to the Pin fundraiser. We were able to received \$4200 from the event and we had an opportunity to meet some great people from 3M and the community. Please consider attending this event in the future—they donate funds to a charitable organization in DeKalb County each year. What a great opportunity for them to give back and for you to participate. THANK YOU 3M EMPLOYEES AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT!

In the late summer we had the opportunity to apply for a grant from the Target Corporation. We just found out that we were awarded a grant of \$8000. This grant will assist us in our building of a home for a family in need in DeKalb County. THANK YOU TARGET AND TARGET DISTRIBUTION CENTER!

Office Hours: Call Office for Updated Hours  
Monday's from 5:15pm to 8:00pm  
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November 2010

Habitat for Humanity of DeKalb County has continued to build throughout the years despite the lagging economy. However, with the cost of land still high we struggle to find buildable lots that we can put a decent, affordable home on for a family in need. Your past generosity has helped our local affiliate acquire buildable lots to service future families as well as build decent, affordable homes.

As we are all aware, our current world economic turmoil continues to bring affordable housing out of reach for many DeKalb County families. The need for our services is increasing daily for many residents. Your contributions are still needed in order to continue building in DeKalb County for those in needs. Our ministry, with your help, has changed the lives of 10 families. And there is so much more for us to do; so many more families to serve!!

We believe that every person deserves to live in decent, affordable housing. Please help us help others by donating to the **GIFT FROM THE HEART** program.

Thank you for your generosity.

God Bless each and everyone of you,

*Steve Diedrich*

President, Board of Directors

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