



RIVER CITY

# The Habitat Times—Summer 2011



## Who crosses your path?

A note from the Executive Director

Each year, we conduct massive outreach campaigns across Jefferson City to educate the public and seek future Partner Families. We send information to churches, local business and service agencies. We hang fliers, we run articles in the newspaper. Do you know what our largest source of referrals still is? **WORD OF MOUTH.** As a supporter of Habitat, you already know about our mission to end poverty housing by offering families a hand up, not a hand out. You are an advocate for Habitat. Take some time and think about who crosses your path. Do you go to the same gas station everyday and make small talk with the familiar face behind the counter, who is likely living on minimum wage? Do you see the same teller at the bank? Do you know a clerical person in your office who is struggling to obtain decent, affordable housing? A maintenance or food service person at a local hospital, school, or even your church? The person who cares for your mother or father in the nursing home? Your mechanic? Baby-sitter?

Reaching out to people can be hard. Especially when we worry about offending someone. Sometimes something as simple as wearing your Habitat t-shirt could spark a conversation. You might mention that you are headed to a Habitat meeting or the Re-Store or the Jobsite and then ask if the person is familiar with Habitat. Carry some Habitat brochures and refer them to our website where they can download a preliminary application. Or have them call or stop by.

I work with families every day who are blessed beyond measure by their partnership with Habitat. You can be a blessing to someone.

*"We can all be angels to one another. We can choose to obey the still small stirring within, the little whisper that says, 'Go. Ask. Reach out. Be an answer to someone's plea. You have a part to play. Have faith.' We can decide to risk that He is indeed there, watching, caring, cherishing us as we love and accept love. The world will be a better place for it. And wherever they are, the angels will dance."*

- Joan Wester Anderson

### Did you know?

Habitat for Humanity, Intl has been ranked 6th largest builder in the country by *Builder* magazine's 2011 annual survey.



### Join Us!

REBUILDING LIVES  
GREEN OPEN HOUSE  
AND DEDICATION

When:

Thursday, June 30th

Where:

802 E. McCarty

Time:

Open House

4:30—6 pm

Ceremony

6 pm

MANY THANKS TO  
ALL WHO HAVE  
WORKED ON THIS  
PROJECT!

## BREAKING NEWS... Work begins on 7th local Thrivent Build



The lovely Uwizeyimana-Ntimpiringeza family (of 9!) was on-hand for the start of our 7th local Habitat build in partnership with Thrivent Builds and local Lutheran churches. A small crowd braved the rain to help raise and set walls. God's blessing came in the form of a stop to the rain just in time for our ceremony.

This six bedroom home should be completed by November.

Please keep the family, and all of our volunteers in your prayers!

**WANNA HELP BUILD?**

Contact Colleen—[colleen@rivercityhabitat.org](mailto:colleen@rivercityhabitat.org)

## Tuesday Crew and Re-Store Volunteers

What would we do without you?!

On May 24th, we dedicated 807 Montana Street, a home for the Lisa Rains family.

This build was sponsored by the Habitat Re-Store and supervised by our Tuesday Crew. These dedicated volunteers have supported Habitat as our capacity to build homes has virtually doubled in recent years.

*Thank you for all that you do for us.*

### *CARE TO JOIN THEM?*

*We can always use volunteers for the Tuesday Crew, the Habitat Re-Store, our Cans for Habitat recycling committee, Family Selection, Family Support, and more!*

*Please contact us at [info@rivercityhabitat.org](mailto:info@rivercityhabitat.org) or call our office at 635-8439*

*Find us on the web at [www.rivercityhabitat.org](http://www.rivercityhabitat.org)*

