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# WELCOME HOME!

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## 25 YEARS IN THE COMMUNITY



Join Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area as we celebrate 25 years in the community. The event will take place on Saturday, August 27th from 9:00 AM until 12 noon at Habitat's newest home location at the corner of Jefferson and Woodbine Streets in the Uptown section of Harrisburg. The event will feature the recognition of the 2011 Humanitarian Award winners along with honoring many former home sponsors, volunteers, board members and others who have been instrumental in Habitat for Humanity's success over the past quarter-century. More information and details can be found at [www.harrisburghabitat.org](http://www.harrisburghabitat.org).

# CRITICAL HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

Our Critical Home Repair program is charging full steam ahead with completing repairs. The repair crews have completed over 185 Critical Home Repairs since its creation 2002. With the dedication of businesses and individuals we can continue our mission of keeping families in their homes.

To learn more about the program and how you can contribute: [www.harrisburghabitat.org/criticalhomerepair.html](http://www.harrisburghabitat.org/criticalhomerepair.html)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **AUGUST 27, 2011**  
25th Anniversary Celebration
- **DECEMBER 6, 2011**  
22nd Annual Eaken Piano Trio
- **MARCH 2012**  
7th Annual One-of-a-Kind Art Auction

## FROM THE BOARD



*President Richard Ruble with former board members Daphne Champagne and David Wise*

Summer is here - the season when thoughts turn to flower gardens, warm sunny days, baseball and volunteering. Well, maybe the last part is a bit of a stretch but for those of you who do have thoughts of doing your bit for human-kind, Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area has ample opportunities for you.

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

### Construction Team Leaders

We are looking for highly trained construction volunteers to lead some of our many groups in completing our construction projects.

[www.harrisburghabitat.org/involved/construction.html](http://www.harrisburghabitat.org/involved/construction.html)

### Ambassadors

Habambassadors® are individuals who are willing to donate a few hours a month to present, meet, and provide for Faith Relations events and community opportunities.

[www.harrisburghabitat.org/involved/behindthescenes.html](http://www.harrisburghabitat.org/involved/behindthescenes.html)

### Nickels for Nails

Our program encourages and educates our youth about housing needs in our community and makes fundraising fun. Sign up your Youth Group or Sunday School to engage your students today!

[www.harrisburghabitat.org/involved/youthprograms.html](http://www.harrisburghabitat.org/involved/youthprograms.html)



## HABITAT HAPPENINGS

**The Walk-** Cold temperatures and wet conditions could not keep more than 200 walkers from supporting Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area in the 6th annual Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community. Many local groups including Northern High School and a combined Hershey/Milton Hershey team were on hand for this fun event. To see how this event turned out:

[www.harrisburghabitat.org/news/walk.html](http://www.harrisburghabitat.org/news/walk.html)

**Golf Outing-** It was a wonderful day at Hershey Links as MI Windows and Doors presented the 13th annual Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing. Great weather was not the only highlight of the day as more than 130 golfers helped Habitat for Humanity raise much needed funds. To see how this event played out:

[www.harrisburghabitat.org/news/golf.html](http://www.harrisburghabitat.org/news/golf.html)

### Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI)

Our Habitat has been selected as a part of Habitat for Humanity International's NRI working group and will participate in efforts to revitalize and engage the neighborhoods in which we build. More information about NRI can be found at [www.harrisburghabitat.org](http://www.harrisburghabitat.org).

Triplex is underway! To stay up with this project and latest photos visit [www.harrisburghabitat.org/triplex.html](http://www.harrisburghabitat.org/triplex.html)

This summer we began building three Energy Star rated homes in the Woodbine / Jefferson area in Uptown Harrisburg. They are sponsored by D and H Distributing / Cisco Systems – D&H Cares, Calvary United Methodist Church and Schneider Electric. Other major contributors are PPL Corporation, the Home Depot Foundation, the City of Harrisburg and Triple Crown Corporation.

Volunteers from those organizations are working on the construction of these homes. For those of you who would like to join them and have a desire to work on building a partner-family's home our staff will get you connected to a work crew that can best utilize your talents. For those whose hands don't fit a hammer, there are other needs that you can meet. Contact our staff at 717-545-7299.

Another part of our service to the community is our Critical Home Repair effort and it is one where volunteers are crucial. Our objective is to keep the homeowner in their home by correcting home code violations or resolving health and safety issues.

And finally, never let it be said that all volunteer efforts entail hard sweaty work. Visit our website to see what special events we have coming up, visit [www.harrisburghabitat.org](http://www.harrisburghabitat.org).

-Richard Ruble