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**Ron and Carol Beckim offer a toast at the dedication  
of their new home on June 26, 2004.**

## **First Home is Complete**

On June 26, 2004, WAHFH homeowners Ron and Carol Beckim and their family welcomed over fifty volunteers, friends and relatives to their new house on High St. in Waterville. The celebration began with a few words from WAHFH president Scott Guay, who thanked the many volunteers and supporters who made the project possible, and praised the Beckims for their exemplary role as WAHFH's first partner family.

WAHFH board member Sr. Line Rioux then offered a blessing of the home, and, as is Habitat tradition, presented the Beckims with a Bible.

The short dedication ceremony was completed with a toast by Ron Beckim, who offered the following thoughts to his guests; "This is a dream come true for all of us. This is something we never thought we'd be able to have. We are looking forward to making this a nice house and spending the rest of our lives here."

WAHFH sincerely thanks everyone who contributed to our first house, and we wish the Beckims much happiness and health in their new home!

## Applications Being Accepted for House Number Two

WAHFH is now seeking a family to partner in the construction of our second house. Families seeking a WAHFH house must have lived in our service area for at least one year, and are expected to complete a multi-step application process. Families are chosen by a committee after careful consideration of the following criteria

- Housing need (for example, currently living in substandard housing)
- Ability to repay a no-profit, no-interest mortgage.
- Willingness to work in partnership with WAHFH in the construction of the home.



**The WAHFH sign goes back up!**

WAHFH's second house will be built at 10 Barnet Avenue in Waterville, on a lot donated by Mr. Lester Jolivitz. Volunteer crews have already completed preliminary clearing of the lot, and raised the WAHFH sign. Construction is expected to begin in early 2005.

*If you know someone who may be interested in becoming a WAHFH partner family, please encourage them to contact us and request an application packet.*

**ALL APPLICATIONS FOR THE HOME TO BE BUILT ON BARNET AVENUE IN WATERVILLE MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 1, 2004!**

## U.S. Affiliates Support Worldwide Mission

As part of their covenant with Habitat for Humanity International, U.S. affiliates tithe a portion of their cash resources to support the elimination of poverty housing in developing nations around the globe. This support is critical to Habitat's worldwide mission, as many of the places where help is most needed lack the local resources we enjoy in the U.S.

One exciting aspect of this program is that it cost much less to build a simple, decent, affordable house in a developing country than it does here at home--in some countries, as little as \$800 will build a complete home for a family in need!

HFH affiliates may, if they choose, allocate their funds to a particular region. WAHFH is pleased to support the work of Habitat for Humanity in Central America. While we have completed our first home right here in Waterville, our small contributions to HFHI have built another entire home in Guatemala!

## One More "Thank You" to Our Supporters

Waterville Area Habitat for Humanity does not accept government funds, nor do we receive direct financial support from Habitat for Humanity International. The work we do in our community is made possible only through *local* generosity!

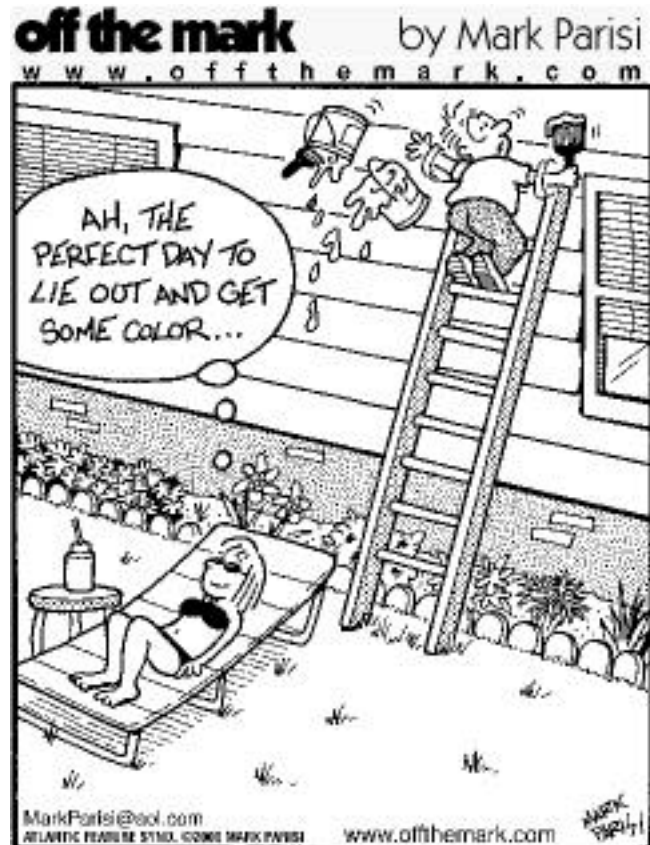
WAHFH thanks these area businesses and organizations for their donations of materials, services, and funds toward the successful completion of our first house:

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**Of course...**

**...THANK YOU also to the many individuals, faith groups, and others who offered their labor, provided food for workdays, contributed financially, and kept WAHFH in their thoughts and prayers.**

**You are the foundation of our mission!**



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Volunteers--please help!

Our volunteer committee would like to update their records in preparation for our next project. If you want to participate in house #2, please complete this form and return it to:

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c/o Volunteer Coordinator  
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-OR-

Email us with the following  
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I am available to (check all that apply):

- Provide labor on workdays
- Provide food for workdays
- Serve on a WAHFH committee

Professional or special skills:

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Thank you! Please feel free to give copies of this form to others who might want to help.