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WAHFH prepares to build first house! Applications now accepted

Waterville Area Habitat for Humanity is busy making preparations for its first building project--a home to built on the corner of High Street and Drummond Avenue in Waterville. Construction is expected to begin in mid-2003.

Vacant for several years, the lot was donated to WAHFH by the city of Waterville. Shortly after the terms of transfer were finalized in October, 2002, volunteers erected a sign on the property. Since that time, we have focused on raising sufficient funds and materials to allow us to start building.

Before construction begins, the partner family who will receive the house must be chosen. The WAHFH Family Selection Committee has set March 15, 2003 as the deadline for submitting applications. Once all applications are submitted, the actual selection process will take several weeks.

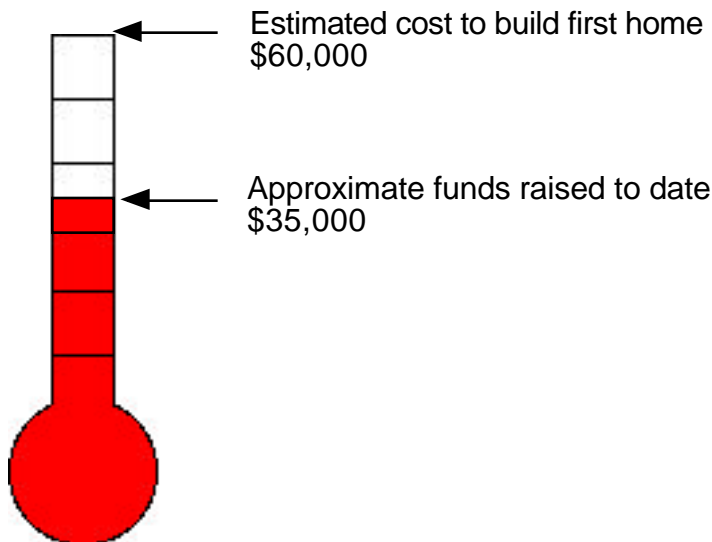
Thank you, WAHFH supporters!

With a multi-faceted fundraising campaign underway, WAHFH has generated sufficient resources to begin building in 2003. To date, individuals, businesses, faith communities, and other organizations have donated or pledged over half of the estimated \$50-60,000 needed to complete our first house.

A successful fall mailing campaign, coordinated by Development Committee chair Alison Webb, has raised public awareness of WAHFH and generated many cash donations. Tom McNeil, another Development Committee member, has been busy soliciting in-kind donations of materials and services from area suppliers.

Since our last newsletter, our Faith Relations Committee (chaired by Kerri Oliver) has formed covenant partnerships with four area faith communities: First Congregational Church, UCC, Parish of the Holy Spirit, Pleasant Street United Methodist Church, and Vassalboro Monthly Meeting of Friends. Covenant Faith Communities pledge ongoing support to WAHFH in numerous ways, including organizing work crews, preparing meals for volunteers, and providing financial assistance.

Waterville Area Habitat for Humanity is a grass-roots organization that depends on a broad base of local support for its success. We are excited to have finally reached this important milestone!



WAHFH thanks these area businesses and organizations for their donations of materials, services, and funds.

Insulation provided by
Ware-Butler, Inc.

Roof trusses provided by
Mainely Trusses, Inc.

Boom truck and roof sheathing by
L.N. Violette Co., Inc.

Windows provided by
Waterville Window Co., Inc

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Interior paint provided by
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 Peter Laliberte, DMD
 S.D. Warren/Sappi Fine Paper
 Zimba Company, Inc.

Also...

THANK YOU...

...to the *many* individual donors who responded so generously to our fall mailing campaign!

Partner families key to the success of Habitat

Habitat for Humanity seeks to help low-income families achieve the goal of independent homeownership by building simple, decent, affordable housing in partnership with those in need. Habitat for Humanity does not give houses away. Habitat houses are purchased by the homeowner families with a no-profit, no-interest mortgage. Efficient building practices and extensive use of volunteer labor help keep the cost of the home low.

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 the no-profit, no-interest mortgage.
- Willingness to work in partnership with WAHFH in the construction of the home.

Waterville Area Habitat for Humanity is committed to the success of its chosen partner families. In addition to building houses, we work with our partner families to ensure they have the skills and training to maintain their new home and manage the financial responsibilities that come with homeownership.

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 HIGH STREET IN WATERVILLE MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 15, 2003!

CALLING ALL CONSTRUCTION VOLUNTEERS!

Many of you have been waiting patiently to "swing those hammers." The time is here!

Please join us for a
PRE-BUILD VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
Monday, April 28 at 6:30pm
Pleasant Street United Methodist Church
61 Pleasant St., Waterville

Come learn about the High Street project
and the ways that you can get involved
in the action!

Old friends and new volunteers are welcome.

Refreshments will be served.



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Calendar of Events

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| Tue., Mar. 4 | Board meeting, 6:30 pm, Colby College, Lunder House |
| Sat., Mar. 15 | LAST DAY TO MAIL APPLICATIONS FOR THE HIGH STREET HOME! |
| Sat., Mar. 22 | Habitat Northeast Training Event--"Pain Free Fundraising" with Peter Dalton
St. Francis de Sales Church Hall
54 Elm St., Waterville
8:30am-3:00pm
Pizza lunch included. |
| Tue., Apr. 1 | Board meeting, 6:30 pm, Colby College, Lunder House |
| Mon., Apr. 28 | PRE-BUILD VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION , 6:30 pm
Pleasant Street United Methodist Church
61 Pleasant St, Waterville |
| Tue., May 6 | Board meeting, 6:30 pm, Colby College, Lunder House |
| Late May | WAHFH Annual Meeting (location and time TBD) |

For more information about any of these activities, please contact us by e-mail or phone.

***The Calender of Events is updated frequently.
Log on to www.watervilleareahfh.org for the latest information.***