



Women Build is Here!

Habitat launches Women Build Program



More than 75 women volunteers showed up to launch our Women Build program on October 9th and 10th. They finished building the exterior walls, and continued on to build interior wall panels and roof trusses for Amber Little's house in Lansing. Many of them also showed up for the training sessions that Lowe's in Ithaca sponsored, learning how to use hand and power tools and getting the basics on framing. On November 4th, we had our third training session – this time on siding. One more is being planned.

When Amber was asked how she felt about the progress of the women crews she said, "We're kicking butt. We can certainly keep up with the guys." Amber also reported there were several benefits she and others noticed about working with other women. "We're organized, we're on time, when we say something, we're doing it," she said, laughing. "We have it all together."

The Women Build program is in partnership with Lowe's and gives

women the opportunity to learn construction skills and move children out of poverty housing. Check our website for future Women Build trainings and workdays onsite.

Men are always welcome to come and assist the women on the Women Build workdays – even more welcome if they bring brownies and other goodies!

Check www.tchabitat.com for future dates!

NEW HOME FOR HABITAT OFFICE



Our Habitat office has a new home, right in the village of Dryden at 12 W Main Street, thanks to the generosity of Linda and Vince Bruno who donated the space for our use. Office hours will be from 9 AM-5 PM Monday through Friday. Our mailing address and phone number will remain the same. Please come visit our storefront location the next time you are in Dryden!



Citizens Bank Supports our Women Build

TCHFH was awarded \$2,500 by Citizens Bank to support the Women Build program at our Breed Road site. The funds will

be used to purchase materials during our Women Build days. Thank you Citizens Bank for encouraging women to use their home construction skills.

Alternative Gifts for the Holidays

Habitat is participating in the Ithaca Alternative Gift Fair this year! The Ithaca Alternative Gift Fair offers an easy way to bypass the annual stress of holiday shopping and "stuff" accumulation, support a worthy charity, and let your friends and relatives know that you remember them this holiday season. With your purchase of a "donation" gift, you receive a holiday card with an insert describing the gift and the organization that your donation is supporting.

Last year, the Ithaca Alternative Gift Fair raised over \$49,000, all of which went to the

participating organizations. The 2009 Alternative Gift Fair will be held **Saturday, December 5** from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM in two locations: Dodd's Hall, **First Presbyterian Church**, 315 N. Cayuga Street and the Sanctuary of the **First Baptist Church** at Dewitt Park. Each participating organization will be provided a table to display information about their programs and gifts.

Here are the gifts that Habitat will be offering at the fair:

\$5 Kitchen Tiles to provide 11 square feet of flooring in an affordable and energy efficient home built by volunteers

\$10 Doorknob for a hardworking, low-income family to open a door to a new life

\$20 Three Bundles of shingles for volunteers to build a roof over a local family's head

\$25 160 lbs of Cement to build a strong foundation for a family in need of a home

If you are unable to make it to the Alternative Gift Fair, but would still like to purchase one of the gifts, please contact us at (607) 898-4148.



Support building homes like Amber's by donating your cans and bottles

Call for Cans and Bottles

Our bottle and can drive is back to raise money for our 2010 houses. We have a wonderful new partner - The J.M. Murray Center who will be doing the recycling for us. Drop your redeemable bottles and cans off in the big green box along the back fence to the right of the Save-A-Lot Grocery store on Groton Ave. (Route 222) in the Sherman Williams Paint Store plaza in Cortland.

Wanted Items

- 32kW or larger gas generator
- Stone rake
- Adjustable wrench (for anchor bolts)
- String line with spool
- Framing hammers 22 oz w/checkered heads
- Sawzall and blades
- 2- 6' Fiberglass step ladders
- 1- 24' aluminum step ladder
- 8- Adjustable feet for the scaffolds with locking pins
- 2- safety railings for the scaffolds

I would like to help build affordable, decent homes in partnership with those in need.

Amount \$ _____ Use my entire donation for local work
 Use a portion of my donation to support construction of homes globally

Name: _____ Address: _____
Phone: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

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