

Spring 2009

## Construction Update

The house we will be building this year will be located on Ontario Street in Corning. You can see the empty lot from Baker Street, on the north side of the street between two other houses.

Construction days will be Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:30 AM to 3 PM.

Check our website for updates as to when construction will start. ([www.habitatcorning.org](http://www.habitatcorning.org))

Current plans call for construction to start the end of May, although the foundation work will be completed before actual building starts.

### NEW THIS YEAR!

We will have a BLOG on the website with weekly construction updates. The blog will be up and running by May 1.

### SPECIAL EVENT!

We are also planning a special Women Build on Saturday, May 9. Current plans are to build the storage shed for the next house as part of Habitat for Humanity International's National Women Build Week.

Ladies – This is your chance to come out and build on a day set aside just for you!

Individuals and groups are invited. Please call the office for more details and to reserve a spot on the build crew for this special day! 936-4444.

### CONSTRUCTION EMAIL LIST:

If you would like to be included on our email construction list for news and updates, please email the office and let us know:  
[habitatcorning@clarityconnect.com](mailto:habitatcorning@clarityconnect.com)

## We've Moved!



*John Balch and Mike McLaughlin, members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 139, install the electricity at the new Habitat office.*

After ten years of residence in the First United Methodist Church of Corning, our office has moved to the Habitat ReStore building on Route 414.

We now have a permanent home!

Renovations have been completed in the new space, thanks to Dean Asbury of Hillside Builders, Doug Benjamin for his excellent painting skills, and the many members of the Electricians Union who volunteered their time to bring the wonders of light and Light Speed for the marvels of telecommunications to our new space.

Many sources donated furniture to our new office, giving us the room to store all our materials, events supplies and records. Special thanks to Corning Credit Union for all their wonderful donations, including file cabinets, storage units, conference room table and chairs, and more!

The dedication and open house for the new office will be held Wednesday evening, April 8, from 6 to 7 PM. Please join us in celebrating this exciting occasion.



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**Mission Statement**

Southeastern Steuben County Habitat for Humanity believes that all God's people deserve a decent home. We will work in partnership with people of our community to build affordable housing for low-income eligible families and to assist these families in their transition to home ownership. In doing this, we seek to give witness to the Christian gospel to love our neighbors as ourselves in an environment of hope, dignity, and truly human existence for all people. We will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed or ethnic background.

**President's Notes**

Spring – a time of renewal, hope and new beginnings: SESC Habitat's new beginnings in our new office; the start-up of the next house build.

We have never let bad economic times stop our mission. Every year we have grown and this year will be no different. We just dig in, get creative, and reach out further to people in our community to help us raise the dollars needed to build this year's house.

That's the best part of Habitat for Humanity for me – everybody doing a little bit to make big things happen. The backbone of Habitat's success is the support we get from within our community as opposed to government grants or economic stimulus packages. It is the old "barn-raising approach" where everyone gives a little, either volunteer time or money, to produce something real and tangible that helps a family in our community have a better life.

We are starting this year in our new office and that unto itself is a major accomplishment. We are also in the process of organizing all our construction tools and supplies, pulling our supplies from all sorts of places where they have been stashed away. We are working to make the most of every dollar we receive, not just making the pennies squeak but making them squeal. We are challenging ourselves to go even further to stretch our construction dollars.

So, yes, these are tough times, but they are also exciting times. SESC Habitat will rise to the occasion. We will not let the doomsayers squash the hope our mission brings to our Habitat families looking for a decent and affordable place to call home. We will be building a house this year and you are most cordially invited to some help us!

*Jan Harvey*

**Enclosed is my donation of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:**  
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**In Honor or In Memory of:**  
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- It's OK to recognize my contribution.
- Please, I'd rather you not publicly recognize my contribution.

Please send your donation and this slip to: SESC Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 800, Corning, NY 14830

# Spring Cleaning?

## GOT STUFF?

Recycle it! Donate it to the Habitat ReStore!

Home Furnishings	Lumber
Sinks and Vanities	Tools and Hardware
Doors and Windows	Kitchen Items
Kitchen Cabinets and Countertops	Linens
Just about anything at all!	Paint
(Clothing goes to St. Pauly Mission)	Lighting

Recycling Reusable Resources!



3412 State Route 414, Corning  
½ mile north on Route 414 from exit 46 off I-86  
Phone 607-377-5524

**Open Wednesday-Friday from 10 to 5:30**  
**Saturday from 9 to 4**

And don't forget to come by and shop, too! There's lots of great stuff and at super low prices. If you are planning a remodel, check out what we have first. You never know what you will find. You might just find something you never knew you needed but now just can't live without!

## Aluminum Can Collection



We are now collecting aluminum cans for scrap at the ReStore. We are looking for the aluminum cans that aren't deposit soda cans such as lemonade cans, tomato juice cans, the small cat food cans or other such cans. These cans do not go into recycling. We will be collecting these cans and will then take them to the scrap yard and turn them into dollars for our building fund. Relatively clean aluminum foil is also acceptable, as are any aluminum scraps.

## Homeowner Applications Sought

Reaching out to possible candidates for a Habitat House who live in our community is a job everyone can undertake. Most of our homeowners have come by referral and word-of-mouth. Please help us spread the word about Habitat Homeownership. The qualifications are basic: need for decent housing, ability to repay a mortgage and willingness to work with Habitat by putting in the sweat equity. If you know of anyone in need of a decent place to live, please let them know they can call 936-4444 for more information!

## Volunteer Openings

If you are looking for something to do with your spare time, we have many openings things that we need help with both with Habitat and with the ReStore. We are currently looking for people to provide office coverage at the new Habitat office, a volunteer coordinator for construction and for support teams, and stock help at the ReStore. Call the Habitat office at 936-4444 for more information or check out the website for a complete list of openings.



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Shari and her family at the Dedication of the house we built in Addison. This was the first totally handicap-accessible house we have built.

“This house is such a life-saver for Justin and myself. I can’t thank all the people in Habitat enough for helping us achieve this dream come true. It means so much to us. “

**DONATE a CAR**  
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**Habitat for Humanity**  
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**877.277.4344**  
[www.carsforhomes.org](http://www.carsforhomes.org)

## Idle Car?

Put it to work helping families build homes.  
Call 877-277-4344 for details!

## SAVE THE DATE !



Benefiting our local affiliate  
Southeastern Steuben County Habitat for Humanity

**Saturday**  
**October 10, 2009**  
**7:30 pm to Midnight**

Corning Community College

Tapas stations from our local restaurants  
Tastings from wineries and breweries  
Cash Bar available & Live Music by a variety of bands!

