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Habitat Chapter sets up Web site

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The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Habitat for Humanity Chapter has weaved its way on to the Internet. The Chapter, which was officially created in February, announced it now has a Web site, www.edglenhabitat.org.

Vice Chair Trisha Cheatham said the site provides a tool for the new Chapter to connect with the community.

"We are very excited as this gives people a way to find out more information on us," Cheatham said. "We can post information about our upcoming events, fundraisers and build days as time comes closer to building. We also now have a way of thanking our many very generous donors which has been a huge goal of ours from the beginning. We would be nowhere without their generosity!"

In addition, Cheatham said the site not only lets the Chapter communicate with the public, but also offers a method for the community to get involved with the Chapter.

"One of the major things the Web site will do is allow people to contact us if they would like to volunteer, find out more information about an upcoming fundraiser or donate to us."

And the Chapter depends on those donations.

The chapter hopes to build its first home this summer.

So far, the Chapter has a lot. Joseph Myers and Associates donated a lot on Hill Lane in Edwardsville adjacent to the habitat house built by the Edwardsville Rotary Club and the Habitat Wood River Chapter last year.

But before construction begins, Cheatham said the Chapter will need to raise \$40,000 before they can break ground on the home and \$65,000 in total to finish the home.

Cheatham said the Web site will eventually have an option for the community to donate.

"We are working hard right now to add a link to Paypal where people will be able to donate online to our Chapter which will be more convenient for many," Cheatham said.

For now, donations are still being collected via the mail at P.O. Box 355 in Edwardsville, 62025.

Cheatham said the Chapter has already collected more than \$12,000.

"We are still optimistic that we will be able to break ground by late summer," she said.

Habitat for Humanity is an international organization that helps build simple, decent and affordable homes for families around the world.

The organization selects qualified families to partner with on the home and then the home is sold to the family at

no profit, financed with affordable, no-interest loans and the homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build more Habitat houses.

To learn more about the Chapter, visit www.edglenhabitat.org.

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