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Weather puts Habitat fund-raiser on hold

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The blast of winter weather last Thursday left the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chapter of Habitat for Humanity out in the cold.

The chapter had planned to conduct its first fund-raiser at Culver's Restaurant, but with the snow and sleet coming down, the event was canceled.

Acting Vice-Chair and Public Relations Chair Trish Cheatham said the fund-raiser has been rescheduled for March 19.

Cheatham said Culver's will donate 10 percent of its total sales from that day - 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. - to the chapter.

The chapter will also be collecting donations at the event.

Cheatham said 100 percent of the money generated at the fund-raiser will be used to build the next Habitat home in the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon area.

The chapter hopes to break ground on their first house and the second habitat home in Edwardsville this summer.

But to break ground, the chapter will need to collect \$40,000.

Habitat Humanity is an international organization that helps build simple, decent and affordable homes to 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 Habitat for Humanity, visit www.habitat.org.

Donations can be mailed to Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Habitat for Humanity at P.O. Box 355, Edwardsville, IL, 62025.

For more information about the new Edwardsville Chapter or to donate, please call Cheatham at 692-7692 or e-mail her at flair4design@sbcglobal.net.

Culver's is located at 6724 Goshen Road in Edwardsville behind Home Depot on Troy Road.