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Eating at Culver's Restaurant on Wednesday will help Habitat for Humanity.

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chapter had to reschedule its first planned fundraiser at Culver's, due to winter weather.

Now, the chapter has set the event for this Wednesday.

Vice-Chair and Public Relations Chair Trish Cheatham said Culver's will donate 10 percent of all sales on Wednesday to the chapter.

"We are very excited about our very first fundraiser since the start up of our chapter. After having to reschedule it due to the snow and ice storm we had, we hope that people will still come out and help support the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chapter of Habitat for Humanity," Cheatham said.

Cheatham said the chapter will also be accepting donations throughout the day at Culver's.

She said 100 percent of the money collected will go towards building the next Habitat home in the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon area.

"We couldn't be more grateful or excited about this opportunity. Culver's will also be allowing us to take donations at that time as well, so we will have Habitat Bird Houses in which people can place any donations they might like to make."

The chapter was officially established on Feb. 26 under the Lewis and Clark Chapter which supports habitat organizations in Madison and Bond counties.

The new chapter has already secured a lot for its first house. Joseph Myers and Associates has 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 they can break ground on their first house, the chapter needs to collect \$40,000.

Cheatham said Habitat is a non-profit group where all members, including board members, are volunteers.

"So, literally every penny counts," she said. "We need to have at least \$40,000 before we can break ground on our new home and we are hoping to raise those funds as quickly as possible. A total of \$65,000 needs to be raised to build the home."

Cheatham said the group needs the community's support.

"We are really excited about this upcoming event and hope to have a great turnout. So far the community has really rallied around the startup of this chapter and it is very exciting. We hope that people come out and eat some great food to support a great cause."

Habitat for Humanity is an international organization that help builds 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.

Culver's is open from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesday and is located at 6724 Goshen Road in Edwardsville behind Home Depot on Troy Road.

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

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

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