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Upcoming Fundraising Events

By Darlene Azar

We have a number of great events coming up that we are getting the word out on. Just to name a few we have:

- Grizzlie Baseball Tickets
- Sunset Hills Golf Tournament - July 28
- SIU-E Block Party - Sept 5
- LeClaire ParkFest - Oct 19
- Edwardsville Halloween Parade - Oct 31
- Jazz Concert / Silent Auction - Nov 14
- Other events that we haven't scheduled yet are a Longaberger Basket Night, Texas Hold'em, Trivia Night, and others.

We are looking for people to volunteer to Chair or help out by donating some of their time to make these fundraising events a success.

July Fundraising Events: Golf Tournament

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Habitat for Humanity will be holding their first (hopefully annual) golf scramble on Monday, July 28 at 11:00 am at Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville, IL. Sunset is a great golf course and we are excited to be able to have the scramble there.

We have not one, but FOUR great hole-in-one prizes. We have some great raffle prizes closest to the pin and longest drive contest.

We will be featuring an exciting ball drop from a helicopter with a cruise package as "closest to the hole" prize. This is something that is not to be missed. Lunch and dinner will be provided. The pool will be available for families to use while mom or dad is playing. We are hoping for 30 teams and 40 hole sponsors.

The cost to play in this four-person scramble is \$125.00 per person and the cost to sponsor a hole is only \$100.00.

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The First Annual Sunset Hills
Golf Tournament

Spotlight on: Family Selection

By: Jane McKinney / Taletta Watson

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Habitat for Humanity Chapter is working their way through the Family Selection process to find a suitable family for the chapter's first home to be built.

"There are three main criteria for family selection: Need, Ability to Pay, and Willingness to Partner."

The timetable has been accelerated in the hopes of being able to break ground this fall. There are many variables that have to fall into place for the ground breaking to take place this fall. We have to find a family that meets the three main criteria for a Habitat home: 1. the family's current housing must be substandard, 2. the family must have the ability to pay for a Habitat home, and 3. the family must be willing to partner with Habitat.

Substandard housing can consist of anything from too expensive, inadequate plumbing, poor heating, leaking roof, overcrowding (three to a bedroom), or unsafe or unsanitary conditions. The suitable family must be able to repay the (generally) 20-year, no interest loan that is given through Habitat for Humanity. Each adult in the family must also be willing to provide 200 hours of "sweat equity" toward construction and/or educational activities related to their home ownership.

"Once a family is chosen, an architect can begin designing a home around their specific needs..."

Three public informational meetings were held in June and there were a number of candidates that applied to be considered for the upcoming home in Edwardsville. Home visitations are next on the agenda for the Family Selection Committee members. This is where the committee members will actually go and visit the applicants in their homes to seek more information about the families and their environment.

Once a family is chosen, an architect can begin designing a home around their specific needs, for example if they have two children versus four children, or they need wheelchair accessibility, etc. Our prayers are that we will find the right candidate out of the applications that have been submitted.

July Fundraising Events: Golf Tournament *continued*

If you have any questions or would like to be a hole sponsor, corporate donor, or golfer, please contact Diane Schwind at 618-692-4639 or dschw4639@charter.net or Trish Cheatham at 618-806-0863 or flair4design@sbcglobal.net.

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Where We Stand in Our Fundraising Efforts

We ended last month's column with a question: do we step out in faith and begin the family selection process - knowing that we have several potentially high-income fund-raising activities planned? Or do we play it safe and simply wait until next year to begin the process of family selection, home design and building?

The answer to this question is: Yes, we are going to step out in faith and begin the family selection process this fall.

As noted in the Family Selection article, we have begun the process of family selection - trusting that we will have enough money to move forward with the ground blessing/groundbreaking ceremony.

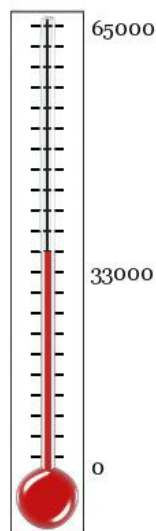
Money, I believe, really is the least of our worries at this point.

If we want to break ground this fall, we still need to actually select a family, get the family approved by the Chapter as well as the Affiliate board of directors, design a home around the families needs, get the house plans approved by the City of Edwardsville (for a lot that we don't actually own yet), get permits for the house plans, and on, and on, and on.

Yes, there are many reasons why we won't be able to break ground and many obstacles that we will still have to overcome, but one of the reasons won't be because we didn't try.

A wise person once told me, "Do what you can and let God do the rest."

Please keep us in your prayers as we work through the many issues that are in front of us.



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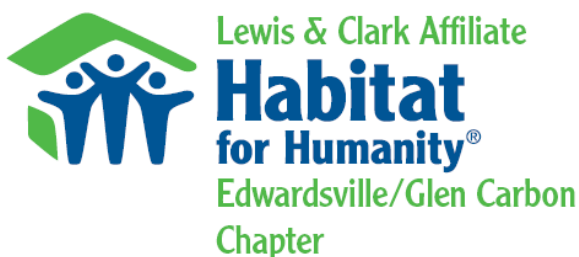
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