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NEWSLINK

We build affordable homes on the foundation of Christian love, where families are provided a secure environment and together a community is established.

Habitat for Humanity was built on a foundation of faith.

The purpose of Habitat is to build safe, affordable housing and that comes from a desire to put God's love into action. We are God's hands and feet, here to serve others and show them His love.

Your Church Can Help Change This...



to This!



The Board of Outreach of the Congregational Church, UCC, in Tryon, has approved their church participation in a **Faith Build**. More churches are needed to help with this project. A Faith Build is a great way for your church to make a difference in the community and it's also a great way to strengthen your church community. Your congregation can help build a new Habitat home! Everyone doesn't have to swing a hammer. There are lots of ways to be involved. Call Angie at (828) 694-0340 to find out more. Habitat recently purchased the Tryon property with a burned out home, pictured above. After the site clean-up, a new Habitat home like this Tryon Habitat home, will be built there. **Your church can help make this happen!**

Thermal Belt Habitat is moving into town!

Thermal Belt Habitat will soon have an office in Columbus! We are taking over the space that Coldwell Banker is vacating at 40 E. Mills Street. We expect to move in sometime in May. Someone will be there to answer questions and we will have information about applying to become a Habitat homeowner, or a Habitat volunteer. New volunteer orientations and prospective homeowner interviews will be held in the new office. We will have a Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting and Open House in the near future. We hope you can come. We look forward to meeting you!

Habitat for Humanity offers opportunities for your congregation to serve...

Volunteers to Help Build & Repair Homes

Help build homes and make existing homes healthier, safer places to live.

Group Builds

A team from your church can have a build day when you all build together!

Feed Your Building Team

People who don't want to build can prepare food to feed your building team or another building team.

Help Fund Habitat Homes and Programs

Your church or church group can donate funds for local Habitat activities.

Youth Group Projects

Your Youth Group can raise funds to cover the cost of building materials. Any amount is helpful. (\$40 will buy a box of nails. \$150 will buy a door.)

The shortage of affordable housing, and its unfortunate impact on working people, is a serious problem in the Thermal Belt area and the situation appears to be getting worse. Low-income families can't afford to buy a home and they can barely afford to rent one. The rural, small-town environment of the Thermal Belt area serves to camouflage the severity of the affordable housing crisis. It's a very mixed community, where you have aging mobile homes and dilapidated houses alongside some very nice houses, rather than all in one spot. As a result, sometimes the issue doesn't receive the attention it should. That's where Habitat comes in.

Thermal Belt Habitat builds and repairs homes to create decent housing for local families. To do this, we need funds* and volunteers. Together we can improve life for struggling families and create a better community in the process.

**Your donations from the Thermal Belt area stays in the Thermal Belt area.*

Volunteer Opportunity in Homeowner Services

The **Homeowner Selection Volunteer** will assist staff to effectively determine and recommend qualified applicants. This position helps support the office team to enable us to better serve our homeowners. Time Commitment: Four to seven hours a month.

Contact Mel Ailiff at maliff@habitat-hvl.org or call (828) 694-0340.

If you know of a family that might be a good fit for a Habitat Home, please encourage them to contact us.

If there is anyone else in your church who might want to receive this newsletter, please let us know by emailing: jsloan@habitat-hvl.org.

We would love to visit your church to talk about Thermal Belt Habitat for Humanity and answer any questions you might have. Please call us to arrange a visit from our church liaison, Angie Hunter, (828) 694-0340.