

St Margaret Mary's Parish and the Carpenter's Crew present Adopt a House 2010 — 2560 Pratt Street

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit ecumenical Christian ministry dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide. Habitat is founded on the conviction that every man, woman, and child should have a simple, decent, affordable place to live in dignity and safety.

Putting faith into action: Habitat's ministry is based on the conviction that Christian discipleship necessarily involves acting in ways to manifest the love of Jesus Christ. Christ's love for us must be reflected in our own lives by the way we love and care for one another. In the Bible, 1 John 3:17-18 tells us that "If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him? Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." Habitat for Humanity brings people from all walks of life together to make affordable housing and better communities a reality for everyone.

Ownership is the Key: Home ownership is a key to Habitat's success. No Habitat house is given away. Each family selected must put in 350 hours of "sweat equity" by working on theirs and others Habitat houses. The family must attend home maintenance and financial management workshops before moving into their home. The investment of labor, as well as the monthly mortgage payments gives a family true ownership which is vital to the upkeep of the home. It underscores the importance of self help and the dignity that comes from a hand-up rather than a handout.

Omaha Habitat for Humanity has been building homes in the Omaha area for over 25 years. They have built or refurbished over 200 homes since their inception in 1984.



The Carpenter's Crew: St Margaret Mary's Parish is in its 15th year of building homes with the Carpenter's Crew! The Carpenter's Crew is a coalition of area churches who pool together funds and volunteers to build a home with a family selected by Omaha Habitat for Humanity. Included in the coalition are St Gerald's, Mary Our Queen, Sacred Heart, Immanuel Lutheran, St Vincent de Paul, Dundee Presbyterian, St Paul United Methodist, St Charles Borromeo, Presbyterian Church of the Master, Thrivent Lutheran and Wells Fargo Bank. The Carpenter's Crew is committed to raising \$100,000 to fund the house and raising a volunteer workforce to build it.

What can you do???

- **Make a donation:** Checks should be made out to St Margaret Mary's and marked for Habitat for Humanity. They can be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office. **All donations are due by July 17th.**
- **Volunteer to work:** Skilled and Unskilled laborers are needed.
- **Provide a meal:** St. Margaret Mary's will provide the meals and snacks for the volunteers for at least one weekend. Volunteers will be needed to make and serve the meals.
- **Donate new building materials:** If you are able to donate job-sized quantities of new building materials (doors, windows, lumber, nails, shingles, trim, drywall, etc.) contact John Ducey.
- **Pray for the project:** As always, the success of this project is in the hands of God and his people. Pray that God will bless us with success and safety while we raise funds and build.

If you have any questions: contact John Ducey at 571-3953 or jducey@cox.net.

Habitat for Humanity 2010 ♦ Carpenter's Crew Volunteer Sign-up Sheet

House Address: 2560 Pratt Street

Name _____ Church _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please enter a skill code next to the date you are able to work. Circle the 1st and 2nd preference for shifts you would like to work.

Shift Times: AM = 7:30AM to 12:00PM (lunch at 12:00) PM = 1:00PM to 5:00PM

Skill Codes: L= Shift Leader (willing to lead other workers); E=Expert (currently or previously employed in the construction industry), S=Skilled (A do-it-yourself type), H= Helper

<u>Skill Code</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Tasks (Subject to Change)</u>	<u>Circle Shift</u>			
			<u>1st Pref.</u>		<u>2nd Pref.</u>	
_____	Saturday Aug 14th	Frame Floor and Set Walls	AM	PM	AM	PM
_____	Sunday Aug 15th	Frame Walls	AM	PM	AM	PM
_____	Friday Aug 20th	Finish Framing & House wrap	AM	PM	AM	PM
_____	Saturday Aug 21st	Set Roof Trusses & Sheathing	AM	PM	AM	PM
_____	Sunday Aug 22nd	Shingle Roof and Final Framing	AM	PM	AM	PM
_____	Friday Aug 27th	Windows and Doors & Shingle	AM	PM	AM	PM
_____	Saturday Aug 28th	Siding and Soffits	AM	PM	AM	PM
_____	Sunday Aug 29th	Siding and Soffits	AM	PM	AM	PM
_____	Saturday Sept 4th	Siding and Soffits	AM	PM	AM	PM
_____	Sunday Sept 5th	Siding and Soffits	AM	PM	AM	PM
Two Week Break			No Work Scheduled			
_____	Saturday Sept 25th	Insulate and Hang Drywall	AM	PM	AM	PM
_____	Sunday Sept 26th	Hang Drywall	AM	PM	AM	PM
_____	Saturday Oct 2nd	Hang Drywall	AM	PM	AM	PM
_____	Sunday Oct 3rd	Finish Porch & Build Deck	AM	PM	AM	PM
Oct 9th & 10th			No Work Scheduled			
_____	Saturday Oct 16th	Paint Walls	AM		AM	
_____	Sunday Oct 17th	Finish Paint and Start Trim	AM	PM	AM	PM
_____	Saturday Oct 23rd	Doors & Trim	AM Shift Only			
_____	Sunday Oct 24th	Cabinets and Trim	AM Shift Only			
_____	Saturday Oct 30th	Cabinets/Countertops/Trim	AM Shift Only			
_____	Sunday Oct 31st	Trim and Caulking	AM Shift Only			
_____	Saturday Nov 6th	Clean-up and Punch list	AM Shift Only			
_____	Sunday Nov 7th	Clean-up and Punch list	AM Shift Only			

Dedication Ceremony date to be announced: All Volunteers Welcome!

Are you willing to work weekdays if needed? Yes _____ No _____ A crew leader will call you if there is a need.

Can you provide a meal or snack for our crews? Yes _____ No _____ If so, you will be contacted by someone from your Church to coordinate a date and time.

If you would like to order a T-shirt for this year's build please enclose a check for \$14 payable to Omaha Habitat for Humanity. Indicate size _____ M, L, or XL \$16 for XXL

Please return form by July 17th to: John Ducey 3225 N 83rd St, Omaha NE 68134-4925