



Bring the whole tithe into the store house, that there may be food in my house. "Test me in this" says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."
Malachi 3:10

2006 Forecast

2005 was a demanding building year for us and we need to step back and strengthen our affiliate. We will be re-designing our house plans to make them more energy efficient and cost efficient. Two homes are planned for 2006. They will be located in Mancelona and Central Lake.

We want to provide more training for volunteers and staff in all the areas we serve including construction, family support, church relations, administration and fundraising.

We opened our ReStore this fall and need to invest some time and effort in making it a success that will sustain our affiliate for years to come. Much work is needed there. We still have building repairs and modifications to complete. We need volunteers to help with sales and inventory during store hours. We could also use some **crafty volunteers who can see the potential in our donated furniture and cabinets that could use updating.**

Our Vision 2020 Project Mancelona is growing and moving forward. We are organizing focus groups of residents to get their input and concerns with regard to all kinds of safe decent affordable housing. We are in the planning stages of a larger collaborative housing project.

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Dates to Remember

Board of Directors Meetings

Meet the fourth Monday at 6:30 at the Alden United Methodist Church

Call ahead for our abbreviated winter schedule

May 19, 2006 : Annual Dinner and Auction

ReStore

Our resale store, the ReStore is located at 306 S. Williams (US 131) in Mancelona. We are open Fridays 12-7 and Saturdays 10-4.

The ReStore sells all kinds of building materials both new and used. We have **electrical, plumbing, roofing, doors, windows, cabinets, appliances and small appliances, window treatments, furniture, home décor items, (some collectibles) dishes, cookware, landscaping and lawn equipment, and sporting goods.**

We never know what each day will bring us so stop by often

We will be increasing our days open in January to 5 days a week.

Kewadin house completion delayed by storms

Hopes for an early occupancy for the Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors sponsored home were dashed by fall storms that hit the region and overworked Consumers Energy crews. After a month long wait for electrical power it has finally arrived and the finishing touches are being put on the Francisco home. We hope to have final inspections by the end of the week of December 19th so that they can move in.

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More than Houses

When people inquire about volunteer opportunities with Habitat they most often think that construction is our only need. They don't realize that to begin constructing a house a whole slew of other activities need to happen first. Since Habitat is a volunteer driven organization, volunteers make those things happen. They are **recruiting and selecting families; fundraising; family support; administration; volunteer recruitment, training and coordination; construction design and planning; strategic planning; and public relations to name a few. We need help in all these areas.**

Would you consider giving your time and talent to serve in these ways?

Restore Donations Needed

The Restore has been in operation since October we are continually in need of donations to keep our store stocked.

We will accept new and used building material in good condition. Appliances in good working condition and appearance, furniture (no smell, tears etc.) and sporting goods, as well as miscellaneous household items

We are located at 306 S. Williams (131), just south of the light. Parking is behind the building. We are accepting donations during business hours. In limited cases where the items are very large or the donor is physically unable to lift we will arrange for pick up. We can also accept smaller items at our office in Elk Rapids. Please call to make sure we are open. The phone number is 231-587-9965. Your donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Hurricane Katrina Relief

We have heard from local volunteers that they are interested in Hurricane Katrina Relief. We receive email updates from Habitat for Humanity International periodically. If you would like us to forward them to you, please contact us and we will put you on our list. You may also visit the website and **Habitat.org** to check on volunteer opportunities. Its encouraging that Habitat houses are going up in hurricane affected areas and volunteers are coming from all over to help.

The Tithe

Every year at this time we total our income for the year. Then we take one tenth and send it in to Habitat for Humanity International for house building overseas. This year we were able to tithe \$10,400.00. This is the most we have ever been able to send. What this means for all of us here, is that we not only build 4 homes in Antrim County but will help build more in Kyrgyzstan and Guatemala, who are the designated recipients of the funds. Housing overseas costs much less and is more urgently needed, then here in the United States.

We are blessed to able to contribute in this way.

Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the Lord delivers him in times of trouble. The Lord protects him and preserves his life; He will bless him in the land and not surrender him to the desire of his foes.
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Psalms 41:1-2