



Press Release

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Vernon County Habitat for Humanity Breaks Ground

The Vernon County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity-La Crosse Area will be breaking ground soon for their 5th home. The 2010 home will be located at 417 Coon Prairie Road in Westby and will become the home of Lucas and Angie Geier and their five children. Volunteers are currently being scheduled for the construction season and the site is open to individuals and groups on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays until the home is complete. Please contact Vernon County Habitat's volunteer coordinator JoAn O'Connor at 608-606-0645 or j_o_c@msn.com if you are interested in volunteering.

To help fund this project, Habitat for Humanity is conducting a raffle this summer. First prize is a 2010 X882L Sportster Low Harley Davidson motorcycle and second prize is his and hers Marin Larkspur 8 speed bicycles. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20, and can be purchased at Vernon County and Mormon Coulee Road (La Crosse) Kwik Trip stores, Westby Co-op Credit Union, the Habitat ReStore, and several other local venues. In addition, the motorcycle will be on display and raffle tickets will be available at the following community events: the Viroqua Kwik Trip grand opening on June 2, Hamburgers in the Park on June 24, La Farge 4th of July parade, Kickapoo County Fair, Wild West Days, and Readstown Labor Day parade. The drawing will be on September 19 at the Vernon County Fair.

Habitat for Humanity homeowners must meet specific criteria to be selected: a need for adequate housing, an ability to pay, the willingness to partner, and at least one year of residency in the La Crosse area. After completing 350 hours of sweat equity, partner families take great pride in homeownership. Together with volunteers and staff, an average Habitat home takes over 2,000 hours to complete and costs approximately \$95,000. Families purchase the home with a zero-interest mortgage – the partner family process truly embodies the mission of Habitat in providing a hand up, not a hand out.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian ministry that partners with homeowners and the community to build simple, decent, and affordable housing. For more information on the Vernon County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity-La Crosse Area, to become a volunteer, or to make a donation, please visit our website at www.vernoncountyhabitat.org or call 608-634-6990.

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