

# Another Habitat for Humanity home ready for occupancy

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Habitat for Humanity will dedicate its 30th house at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The four-bedroom house at 910 Hope Court in Holmen is for Habitat's partner family, Kou Xiong and Yer Yang.

The home has earned a Five-Star-Plus Energy Star rating, the highest given, said Cori Skolaski, executive

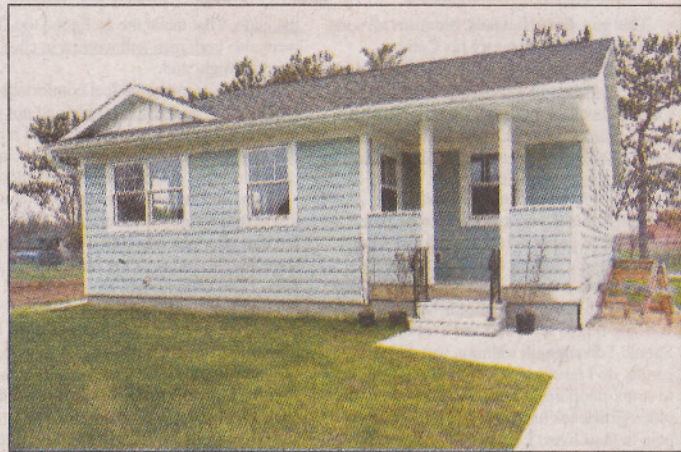
director of La Crosse's Habitat for Humanity.

This is the third Energy Star home they've completed, Skolaski said, and it hasn't been difficult to do once they became familiar with the guidelines.

This style of home is kinder to the environment — and to the pocket-book.

"This one tested so amazingly

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The new Habitat for Humanity house in Holmen.

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well," Skolaski said. "We're using innovative building techniques. My construction coordinator is interested in having the smallest carbon footprint possible."

The group will finish its 31st house, in Houston, Minn., by the end of the year.

About 100 volunteers worked on the Holmen house, Skolaski said. "And

a lot of those people came lots of times. We had so many volunteers that we were turning people away from the site, which is very sad for us, because that's the last thing we want to do."

The group's biggest needs continue to be financial donations and volunteers, she said.

Anyone interested in helping with either need can go online to [www.habitatlacrosse.org](http://www.habitatlacrosse.org). Potential volunteers can e-mail to [volunteer@habitatlacrosse.org](mailto:volunteer@habitatlacrosse.org).