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Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County

Affiliate's first house dedicated

Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County dedicated its first house on Saturday, Dec. 2.

On Jan. 26, the house at 27 Adams St. in Seneca Falls was sold to Susan Tribble and her two children. With the help of 20 Habitat volunteers, the Tribbles moved in the following day.

Dozens of people, friends and relatives of the Tribbles, Habitat volunteers and supporters, turned for the Dec. 2 dedication.

Susan Tribble received a traditional gift of a Bible from the affiliate on behalf of herself and her two children, Chyna and Charles.

Father Albert Shamon of Auburn, the Tribbles' pastor, blessed the house as

part of the ceremony.

President John Scanlon thanked all those people, organizations and businesses which made the home's construction possible. He also led those in attendance in applause for the many building committee volunteers who worked so hard on the home during the six months since the ground breaking.

Ed Zmuda, one of the construction workers cited by Scanlon, turned the tables and led applause for Scanlon and credited his efforts for the home's completion.

The hard work and support of hundreds of county residents has made construction of the Tribble's home possible.

Family Selection process has begun

OVID — We are seeking applicants for our second home. A house on Route 96A in the village of Ovid will be rehabilitated as a two-bedroom, one story home.

Six families interested in learning more about the application and construction process attended a meeting Jan. 24 and learned about the selection criteria.

A family selected to purchase a Habitat home must fulfill three criteria: Housing Need, Ability to Pay and Willingness to Partner.

Applicants must have lived in Seneca County for one year at the time

*The
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they apply.

The application deadline is Feb. 14. Anyone seeking an application or more information should contact the Habitat office at the numbers given at the top of this page.

The successful applicant must have enough income to afford the home, but not more than 50 percent of the median income for a family in Seneca County.

Upcoming Dates

Development Committee Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 1, 7 p.m.

Community Bank building, Ovid

Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, Feb. 11, 7:15 p.m.

Goulds Water Systems, Seneca Falls

Volunteer Information Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.

Ovid Federated Church, Ovid

Feb. 28 Ovid meeting set

Volunteers who are interested in working on the Ovid project will be able to attend a meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 28, to learn more about what's being done.

The session will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Ovid Federated Church. Those attending will be able to see the plans for the house as they exist at that point and learn more about the rehabilitation project and the tentative work schedule.

In addition to construction volunteers, there will be a need for crew leaders and work supervisors, as well as people to prepare meals for on-site workers.

Fund Development events being planned

Meetings which began in October and will continue on Feb. 1 are laying out a fund-raising plan for 2001.

The next session will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Community Bank building in Ovid. Anyone interested in participating in the fund-

raising program is encouraged to attend.

Without fund raising there will be no house construction so even those who are interested in using their hammer shouldn't forget the need to raise the money needed for the work to continue.

The committee is

working with several ideas for fund raising projects which would be in addition to the affiliate's successful golf tournament, which will be repeated in 2001.

Possibilities being considered include formation of supporter's clubs based on various levels of

giving and a fund-raising dinner and auction. There's also a possibility of providing food at next September's dog show at Sampson State Park in Romulus.

Anyone with ideas and/or a willingness to get involved in one of the efforts is welcome to attend.

Regional training program offered May 5

The annual regional Habitat training program for our area will be on Saturday, May 5, in Corning.

The event, which runs from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., will include eight sessions concentrating on various

parts of the Habitat effort.

Family Selection, Family Support, partnerships with various groups, building a development committee, and affiliate marketing are on the agenda. There's also a day-long

program on construction management.

The \$20 per-person cost includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Registrations are due 10 days before the event.

E-mail Marty Toombs

(marty@toombs.com) or otherwise tell him you are interested and he will get you details on the event and a registration form.

The seminar will be at Corning West High School on High Street in Corning.

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