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Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County

Magician to highlight Oct. 18 dinner

Master Magician Brian Baskin will be the featured entertainment at this year's Annual Dinner at the Seneca Falls Country Club.

The event, a major fund-raising effort for the affiliate, will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18. Tickets are now available for \$50 each.

Dinner selections are Prime Rib, Baked Haddock or Chicken Parmesan. The event will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m.

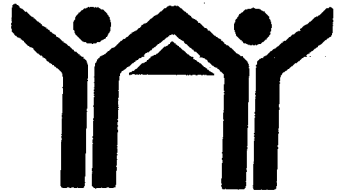
In addition to the entertainment, there also will be a silent auction.

The committee working on the event is selling tick-

ets, looking for good donations for the silent auction, and for sponsors for the program for the evening.

If you are interested in any of the above, contact Dorothy Thompson at the Seneca Falls Savings Bank, (315)568-5855, extension 1000.

Those who attended last year's event had a great time and supported the affiliate's efforts at the same time.



So where does the money come from?

Over the years we've talked about grants and other good financial news the affiliate has had in this newsletter, but we haven't ever taken a look at the big picture — where does the money come from to build these homes and how are we doing?

We are now building our fourth home. We spent about \$140,000 to build the first three homes, and will have spent about \$40,000 more when the Interlaken home is done.

As a new affiliate in 2000 when our first home was built, we were fortunate to receive a \$35,000 grant from the Nehemiah Foundation. It paid nearly all of the cash cost for the first house, allowing the money we had raised in 1999, 2000 and 2001 to all be dedicated to the second house in 2001.

Since 2000, however, we have consistently raised less money each year than we have spent. The surplus from the first year allowed us to keep doing that, until this year.

Work has continued in Interlaken, due in part to Chuck Bosman's and Ed Leonard's success in getting donations, and a \$5,000 no-interest loan from a supporter which will have to be paid back later.

Even with that help, we have consistently had less than \$5,000 on hand since the beginning of August.

For the first time, those involved in construction have had to ask about the availability of funds before they can order materials for the house.

Working on a house without a certain source of money to finish it is common among Habitat affiliates. It's sometimes referred to as "Building on Faith" — faith that the money will be there when the bill arrives.

And while the board has faith that there will be sufficient funds to finish the Interlaken house, it also knows that the affiliate needs additional revenue.

At this point we have four major sources of revenue each year:

- ◆ The June Golf Tournament, which has raised increasing amounts of money, nearly \$8,000 last June;
- ◆ The annual dinner, which we hope will net \$6,000 in profits next month;
- ◆ The annual appeal, which raised \$6,000 a year ago;
- ◆ Our outstanding mortgages, from which we receive

\$5,000 a year.

We also have received support from other grants, including \$16,000 from the SHOP grant program administered by Habitat for Humanity International, and \$10,000 from the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

We recently made application for another FHLB grant to support the Interlaken project, and for another SHOP grant to support future projects. While we are hopeful our applications will be successful, limitations on the amount we can receive from such grants means that our local fund raising still will fall short of the money we need to continue building a house each year.

So what can you do to help? There are many things, some obvious and some less so:

1. Attend the Annual Dinner Oct. 18 (see article above about the event).
2. Send in a donation to the affiliate's annual campaign in November.
3. Volunteer to assist with fund-raising efforts. We currently need a Development Chair, people interested in working on fund-raising events and grant writing.
4. Solicit help from others. Do you belong to a civic organization or other group that might be willing to support Habitat? We are happy to provide speakers and any other support needed for such efforts.
5. Solicit help at your church. Our Church Affiliation Committee is working to get the county's churches behind our efforts. They could use your assistance in your own church. (See contact information on the back.)
6. Support our events by becoming a program sponsor for the annual dinner or a hole sponsor for the Golf Tournament.

Habitat's work requires significant support from the community in order to be successful, and the local board is grateful for all the support it has received to date. But rather than rest on what has been accomplished, the board is determined to use the accomplishments of the past as a launching pad for more projects in the future.

That can only occur with your help.

- Marty Toombs, President

Interlaken home proceeding on schedule

Volunteers have been working quickly on the Interlaken house started in June, as the house has now taken shape and the work concentrates on getting it fully enclosed before winter.

Some new volunteers have joined our efforts, helping push the project along. They are working under the direction of Chuck Bosman, the site supervisor for the project.

The Partner Family, Randy and Sandra Farrell and their son Dakota, have been busy at the site, helping out the other

volunteers when they can and even taking on projects on their own at other times.

Students from the Habitat chapters at Cornell University and Hobart and William Smith Colleges also have joined in our effort.

Work continues on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays each week, and volunteers are welcome to just show up and go to work.

SuperBuild:

38 homes in 38 days

Super Bowl XXXVIII will take place Feb. 1, 2004, in Houston, but there will be a lot more accomplished that day than crowning an NFL champion.

The Houston affiliate of Habitat for Humanity is using the event to end a 38-day effort during which 38 homes will be constructed for Houston families.

SuperBUILD, officially recognized by the NFL as a Super Bowl event, has raised \$1 million, a third of the money they need to pay for the 38 homes.

Since it was formed in 1987, Houston Habitat has built more than 450 homes.

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