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Special points of interest:

- Don't forget to drop your returnable cans at our drop box located at Kinney Drugs Rte 5-20 Seneca Falls
- Please help us with our goals today. Whether it is with your time or monetary contribution. Make a difference today!

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Ovid House Project

Our current project located on State Route 89 in Ovid is going strong. At this time the 1100 square foot ranch home has its roof on. The inside work will begin once windows and doors are installed.

In March, Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County announced the selection of Russell Spratley family for this home. Russell currently resides in Waterloo with his two children Joe (18) and Sweetie (15). Russell works at IESI Seneca Meadows Landfill.

Each adult in the Spratley family will be required to work 250 hours of sweat equity on their new home and other Habitat projects, with a



Ovid House under construction. Photo by Todd Martin

maximum of 500 hours per family. The Spratley family will pay for the home through an interest-free mortgage held by the Habitat affiliate. The purchase price is what it cost the Habitat affiliate to build the

home. The no-profit sale and no-interest mortgage help make Habitat homes affordable.

We could use all the help we can get to complete this house. Hope to see you on site!

President's Letter

We have teamed up with Seneca Falls Savings Bank and the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York to develop an innovative approach to getting another family into safe, adequate housing. The housing situation in Seneca County remains unacceptable, and we do not have the luxury of waiting for others to provide solutions. As Paul indicates in Galatians 6:10 "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men..."

Under the proposed plan, Habitat will receive a small loan from the Bank to fund the purchase of a home in Seneca Falls. The next family

selected will move into the home immediately and pay rent equal to the loan interest plus tax escrow (or about \$450 per month). Habitat and the family will work together to put on new siding, repair the fence surrounding the home, replace windows and provide cosmetic repairs to the interior.

Also, during the repair and renovation phase, we will work with the family to establish a ten to twenty-four month savings plan. The money saved will be applied toward the purchase of the home. The Federal Home Loan Bank of New York will

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match \$4 for every \$1 saved toward the purchase of the home. In addition, Seneca Falls Savings Bank will add another \$1,000 toward the home purchase and reduce the rate paid on a thirty year mortgage by .50%.

After no less than ten months, the family will purchase the home from Habitat utilizing two loans - one directly from Habitat at no interest equal to the costs of the renovations made to the home and one from the Seneca Falls Savings Bank for the home's original purchase price.

- Peter Cooke and Crew for donating labor and some materials to install the roof on the new Ovid House.
- PBS Supply and Halco Heating and Cooling for donating the use of an all terrain forklift.
- Stamberger-Lender Associates for donating a Rinnai tankless water heater.

Founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. HFHI seeks to eliminate substandard housing and homelessness from the world, and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.



Working together as a team, anything is possible!

How To Help?

Work on Construction

During our construction projects we are in need of a variety of skills and skill levels. If you are interested in helping please contact us.

Donate Money

Donations of money are crucial for our building efforts to continue. Contributions can be made in cash, check or credit card. For a donor form please visit our website www.habitatseneca.org

If you are looking for certain opportunities for sponsorship, such as sponsoring a fund-

raising event to benefit Habitat or sponsoring a portion of a house or a complete house, send an e-mail to info@habitatseneca.org and we'll put you in touch with someone who can talk to you about your idea.

Donate Land

The Site Selection committee continuously searches for good sites for Habitat homes or for homes in need of substantial rehabilitation. If you have a property you'd like to donate or sell to us at a reduced cost please contact us as soon as possible.

Join a Committee

We always welcome people interested in serving on committees to help plan our affiliate's activities and carry them out. Committee work goes on year-round, regardless of construction schedules, and is necessary for construction to take place. Some people mistakenly think we only need construction volunteers, but those who want to get involved in other affiliate functions play a vital role as well. Please contact us if you are interested at info@habitatseneca.org

Website Update

Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County is excited to announce that it has updated its website.

www.habitatseneca.org is now more interactive and easier for everyone to navigate.

With new features like updated pictures of our current project and archive pictures of past projects, complete information on all events and

a contact list for everyone involved. The "How To Help" page will make it easier than ever to contribute to this great organization.

Families can easily find information if they qualify for a future project by visiting our site.

You can even gain access to our past newsletters for our local chapter.

Upcoming Fund Raiser and Events

Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County has many exciting fund raisers planned for this summer and fall. We invite everyone to spread the word and participate in these events.

BRING BACK THE BBQ!!! May 24 2008 Habitat for Humanity will be holding a chicken BBQ. Please join us at the Waterloo Wal-Mart from 11:00–2:00. \$8.00 will give you a great chicken BBQ with all the tasty sides.

FOUR!!!! Its time for the

annual Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County Golf Tournament! The tournament is scheduled for June 11th at the Seneca Falls Country Club. Registration begins at 9:30 with tee off scheduled for 10:30. The entry fee is just \$70.00 for 18 holes with cart, donuts, soft drinks, lunch and dinner. Prizes will be given out, including a drawing for an overnight stay at the Ramada Inn. The hole in one is sponsored by Bill Cram, and the dinner and greens fees are courtesy of IESI- Seneca

Meadows Landfill.

Coming up late summer, Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County is pleased to announce the 2nd annual 5K walk. Coming in October, we will be having our annual dinner. Both events last year were great successes. Information on these events will be announced in the near future.

All proceeds of providing these events go toward affordable homes to families. We hope to see everyone at all of these upcoming events!