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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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Seneca Place Coming to Completion!

Our current project located on Seneca Place in the village of Seneca Falls is coming to completion. The home is in its final stages and will be ready for the new young family to move in. Joshua Torrey along with his wife and newborn baby will soon be moving into their newly completed home.

In the spring of 2009 work began with demolition of the property. Foundation, insulation, electrical wiring, plumbing and furnace were all replaced. Through the help of many volunteers and habitat affiliates the house will be come a home.



Each adult in family will be required to work 250 hours of sweat equity on their new home and other Habitat projects, with a maximum of 500 hours per family. The Torrey 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.

President's Letter

In December 1985, the United Nations General Assembly declared the first Monday of October to be "World Habitat Day" in recognition of the state of human settlements and the basic need for adequate shelter for all. World Habitat Day also serves as a reminder to the world of its collective responsibility for the future of housing for generations to come.

According to the UN, more than 100 million people in the world today are homeless. Millions more face a severe housing problem - living without adequate sanitation, security and with irregular or no electrical supply. Living in Liberia, West Africa in the 90's my wife and I visited

people in 'living quarters' like this. Working as missionaries, and in order to reach the residents of Monrovia, we lived with and among the Liberians under those conditions.

I distinctly remember coming back to the United States, and arriving at my hotel room - playing with light switch in the bathroom, taking a hot shower and being able to lock the door and windows. The contrast will ever be etched in my heart.

Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County is doing our part to address these issues. Over the past 8 years and with the help of hundreds of volunteers, we have built or remodeled eight homes in Seneca County and several

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more with a designated percentage of our fundraising sent to Habitat for Humanity in Nicaragua. Our vision is build one house per year in Seneca County and two homes a year in another part of the world. Our current project home is at Seneca Place in Seneca Falls and will be home to a young family who have just had their first child.

Do you have some skills with a hammer or a paintbrush and a couple spare hours per month? Can you cook? Are you a decent organizer? Do you have a building lot that you could donate? We could use you!

To find out how you can help change the world, call us at 568-1190.

- Lou Ferrara, who by volunteering took charge of the construction of the Seneca Manor home.
- PBS Supply of Lyons for supplying discounted heating supplies for the new home at Seneca Manor.
- Lowes Home Improvement stores for their large donation of a \$5,000.00 gift card.

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 at habitatseneca.org

Annual Dinner

It's autumn and Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County is gearing up for their annual dinner event. Every October a themed dinner event is held to raise funds for the local chapter. These funds will be put toward the purchase and building of the next home.

This year the event will be held at the newly renovated

Clarence Hotel located in downtown Seneca Falls

On October 24 at 6 pm the murder mystery "Death at the Carriage House Speakeasy" dinner will begin. Along with newly added 3 chance large raffle items of a 40 inch TV, an Acer Netbook and a Tom Tom GPS system the crowd will be larger then ever

That's right, every \$5.00 raffle ticket will give you 3 chances to win! After dinner the Private Eyes will start the show that is sure to get everyone dancing. The cost of the dinner tickets are \$45.00 per person or \$80.00 a couple.

Get your tickets, put on your dancing shoes and get ready to have fun! See you there.

Website Redo!

Habitat for Humanity of Seneca would like to announce the completion of its improved website. The website has a fresh new look thanks to the Jim Sinicropi with Finger lakes 1.com.

The new website is now much user friendly with up to date information on all the latest projects and events on our local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Even find information on how Habitat for Humanity can help you. No more stamps required- you can now donate very

easily online. Simply click on the donate page and complete the simple form. Or find out how you can help by volunteering on your spare time.

Please visit our new website at www.habitatseneca.org

