



Raintree Habitat for Humanity Newsletter

Partners in Building Hope!



Raintree Habitat at the groundbreaking ceremony last September for our current build.

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Upcoming Events

Mooreland Fair
August 7-12, 2023

Henry County Day of Caring
October 6, 2023

Home Dedication
Date to be announced

From the Director

Greetings!

Wow! What an opportunity that I have been blessed with during my first year as the executive director of your Raintree Habitat for Humanity. I have had the extreme honor and privilege to interact with so many people. I have met most of our current partner families and look forward to meeting the rest of them as soon as possible. I have engaged with many of our donors, volunteers, and with our staff, Jeff, Mike, Kim, our intern Carly, and board of directors, listed on page 2. I have also benefitted from the relationships that have been established with the local business and government leaders here in New Castle and Henry County, Indiana. All these folks have been instrumental in the success of your Raintree Habitat for Humanity.

As we move into the second half of 2023, I am excited about the rest of this year's activities! Our house at 1208 S. 20th street should be completed and our family partner moved in August 1, 2023. We will send out invitations via social media as soon as we know the date of dedication. Our second home will begin on August 2, 2023, located at 1623 D Ave and will be built almost entirely by the students in the New Castle Vocational Trades school, led by instructor Donnie Criswell and assisted by John Eddington.



Our Mission:

Seeking to put God's love into action: Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

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Use this QR code to visit our website!

Plans are already being established for 2024 and will include some interesting and exciting projects for you as supporters of Raintree Habitat for Humanity to participate in through your time, talent, and gifts.

In Romans 12:4-5 Paul explains to us that even though there are many members of the body, we don't all have the same function, so it is with Raintree Habitat for Humanity! We are made up of people from all facets of life with difference experiences and talents and each of you has a part to play in fulfilling our mission of providing safe, secure and affordable housing to the citizens of New Castle and Henry County, Indiana.

BUILDING HOPE BY BUILDING HOMES!

Gene Sewell

Executive Director of Raintree Habitat for Humanity

Meet our Board Members

Introducing this year's Raintree Habitat for Humanity's board members! We appreciate all their hard work!

Board Members:

Tyler Dillion, President	David Frederick
John Guglielmi, Vice-President	John Edington
Ralph Willis, Treasurer	Levi Simmons
Levi Simmons, Secretary	Mary Nicholson-Tait
Duane Chamberlin	Rich Warner

Thank You to our Donors!

We want to give a big thank you to all our supporters, whether you donate time, money, or talent! We really appreciate all that you do! We want to give a shout out to some recent donations we have received from the following people:

Bethel Presbyterian Church	Pamela Moore
Charles A. Blaydes	Bonnie Myers
Mark & Sarah Bowman	New Castle Breakfast Optimist
Duane & Wanda Chamberlin	Offprem Technology
Citizens State Bank	Darrel & Becky Radford
Jerrell & Vickie Dennis	Artie Ratliff
Duke Energy	S. Memorial Church of God
Daniel & Frieda Dunlavy	Schwab Charitable
Elsie French	Gene Sewell
Beverly Groves	Dr. Daniel Sheps
Henry County Community Foundation	Gene Thomson
Happy Homes	Ralph Willis
Pamela Moore	Kent Wisecup

If you would like to support us through a donation, you can donate by mail using the front page of this newsletter. We are also currently developing an online donation form, so check back on our website and Facebook soon to donate online!



Building Project Updates

Our current house is nearing completion! Our volunteer crew has been hard at work on the house at 1208 S. 20th street over the past year. The groundbreaking for the house was September of 2022, and ever since then, our volunteer crew has been working on it Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The family has also worked on their 300 sweat equity hours. The project leader is Jeff Nunn. The house is projected to be completed in early August, with a home dedication and the family moving in to be coming up soon after. Thank you to everyone who has supported the construction of this home.

We also have an upcoming building project collaboration with students at New Castle schools! We will be working with students in the New Castle High School Building Trades program to build a house on 1623 D Ave in New Castle. The project is projected to begin once school starts and will be led by Don Criswell. This project will allow students to be involved in their community by partnering with a family to build their house, and help the students learn valuable construction skills.

Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24

Follow us on social media!

We have a new Facebook page! Follow us on all our social media to stay up to date on all the latest events and news!

Facebook page:

[@raintreehabitat.henryco](https://www.facebook.com/raintreehabitat.henryco)

Instagram:

[@raintreehabitat_henryco](https://www.instagram.com/raintreehabitat_henryco)

Twitter: [@RaintreeHabitat](https://twitter.com/RaintreeHabitat)



Use this QR code to check out our Facebook!



House on 1208 S. 20th street as it comes closer to being ready for move in!



Working on the current house on 20th St.



Working on wall paneling for the upcoming house on D Ave with Offprem Technologies





Raintree Habitat ReStore Facebook:
[@HabitatForHumanityRestore](#)
[HenryCountyIndiana](#)

Call for Volunteers!

Raintree Habitat is always grateful for new volunteers! You can volunteer in the ReStore or at our building sites. For information about becoming a volunteer, call our office at 765-388-2160.

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ReStore Updates

Come and visit the Raintree Habitat for Humanity ReStore to purchase gently used furniture for your home! You can also donate furniture during store hours, and we can also pick up your donation for you. Contact us for more information on donating. Thank you to everyone who supports the ReStore!

Hours:

Thursday 9 am-5pm
Friday 9 am-5 pm
Saturday 9 am-4 pm

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First Baptist youth group and Henry Community Health partnering with Raintree Habitat at last year's Henry County Day of Caring.

Upcoming events

- Raintree Habitat will be participating in this year's Mooreland free fair! Come to the fair August 7-12 and find the Raintree Habitat booth!
- Join in on this year's Henry County Community Day of Caring this year on October 6, 2023. Raintree Habitat will be participating, along with many other organizations in the community!
- Keep an eye out on our social media and website for information on an upcoming home dedication ceremony around August!