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# Raising the Roof

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## MISSION

*Habitat for Humanity of DeKalb County unites God's people to provide decent, affordable housing for families in need.*

## ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

We are gearing up for our annual garage sale to be held at the end of August. This is our largest fundraiser and all funds generated stay in DeKalb County to help on our builds. Every day there is something new at the sale so please come out often!

## HAUSER-ROSS EYE INSTITUTE PARKING LOT

2240 Gateway Drive, Sycamore  
(Across from Kishwaukee Hospital)

August 25 – 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Donations Only

August 26 - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Sale & Donations All Day

August 27 - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Sale & Donations Until 12:00 pm

August 28 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Super Bargain Day! NO DONATIONS

We will be having a Raffle drawing and a car for silent auction: 2000 Nissan Altima GXE - approx. 170,000 miles; 5-speed manual trans; a/c; well maintained; single owner; runs well; some rust.

We cannot take hazardous materials, batteries, large appliances, paint/varnish, tires, anything with Freon, pianos, etc.

For more information, or to volunteer at the sale, please call 815/758-5055. Proceeds enable Habitat for Humanity of DeKalb County to build simple, decent, affordable housing with families in need.

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I am very interested in supporting the efforts of Habitat for Humanity of DeKalb County.  
I would like more information about volunteering for a working committee.

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Or Email your interests to: [habitat@tbc.net](mailto:habitat@tbc.net)

Website: [www.hfhdcillinois.org](http://www.hfhdcillinois.org)

## BUILD UPDATE

We are happy to announce that after a small stint of no building action we are gearing up for our next build. With the state of the economy Habitat for Humanity International has taken on a focus of rehabbing homes which improves neighborhoods and communities. We are happy to announce that we will be taking on this venture and will be rehabbing a home for the Larsen family in Sycamore. This is a single parent family with two kids and they are very excited to start this next venture in their lives and we are happy to be of assistance to help them obtain the 'American Dream' in DeKalb County!

At the time of print we have just acquired the home/property and are not prepared with a build schedule. Please watch for information in the newspaper and check our website often. Updates on the home will be posted on our website.

If you are interested in volunteering your time or your services please contact our office at [habitat@tbc.net](mailto:habitat@tbc.net). If you are a skilled tradesperson we can always use your services, especially if you are willing to donate your time and supplies. Please contact our office if you are interested in participating in this building endeavor.

## WEBSITE UPDATE

We are very happy and excited to report that we have developed a new improved website. Our web address is still [www.hfhdcillinois.org](http://www.hfhdcillinois.org) but the site is new and refreshed. As we have news, fundraisers, and build information we will be posting that information on our website. Please check it often and spread the word!



Are you on Facebook? So are we!!!! We would love to have you join us. Please come and join our group! We are listed as Habitat for Humanity of DeKalb County!

## PARTNER FAMILY APPLICATIONS

Do you know someone that may be interested in seeing if they qualify to become a partner family? Are you an organization that gets phone calls and looks for referrals about possible partner families? If so we are your place to help!

Our organization is here to help families in need in DeKalb County with assisting in the building of an affordable, simple home. We provide a no-interest mortgage and partner with them to build/rehab a home for them to acquire. We do not give them the home but we counsel and help them in acquiring the home by partnering with them to build their home - side by side by many volunteers from DeKalb County. They are required to meet certain criteria, one of those items being the participation in building their home - we do not provide homes ready for them to move in to.

If you know of someone that might qualify, please check our website to obtain the application information and see what we look for to qualify a family. And, as always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Office Hours: Call Office for Updated Hours  
Monday's from 5:15pm to 8:00pm  
Subject to change

## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Over the past few years we have had an opportunity to take part in several good fundraisers within our community. These fundraisers allow us to network and get our name out in the County and provide partnerships with several organizations. Following are a few ways you can assist us in these fundraising ventures.

### **APPLEBEE'S DINE TO DONATE**

DINE TO DONATE is a great opportunity for individuals and families in DeKalb County to partake in a fundraiser that takes little effort but affords us the opportunity for big rewards. On select months, on a select date, Applebee's allows us the opportunity to receive a 15% donation on proceeds of food purchased. The dates for the remainder of the year are: August 18, October 20, December 15. The times are during their operating hours. In order to participate you must present a coupon to your wait staff. We receive the 'coupons' just prior to each date. Those coupons will be posted on our website for you to print out and share with friends, family, and co-workers. If you do not have access to our website please feel free to call us and we can send them to you or you can stop by our office during hours and pick up the coupons up to two weeks prior to the date.

### **RECYCLING PROGRAMS**

#### TONER RECYCLING

Several years ago we started a toner recycling program where people could drop off their used toner cartridges at select locations/churches for us to collect and turn in those cartridges for dollars. This program has been very popular and we try to spread the word from time to time. Please keep saving those cartridges for us - this is a very easy program to participate in. If you are part of an organization that is interested in participating in this program please contact us.

Please note - if you already save cartridges there are a few that we cannot accept so we ask that you stop saving those. They are: copier toner drums (these are any toners that are used in copiers) and cartridges that are non-name brand - for example Office-Max or Quill cartridges that are used in HP printers but are not actually an HP brand cartridge.

#### ALUMINUM/METAL RECYCLING

DIMCO in DeKalb is a proud donor of ours and has been for many years. This is a very easy recycling program and just takes a few minutes. All you have to do is take your recyclables to DIMCO, they will give you a receipt, and you go in the office and ask for your donation to be directed to Habitat for Humanity of DeKalb County. It's easy as that.

We use as many recyclable materials we can when we build our homes. HFHI is a very green organization and we promote the green lifestyle amongst our organization. Thanks to those that already contribute and welcome to those that are willing to take the recyclables out of the landfill and donate to our organization!