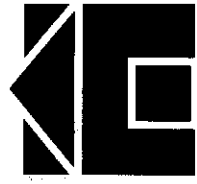


"Improving our neighborhoods...one house at a time"



Housing Partnership

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News & Events
Spring, 2001

Get Your Company Involved!

Corporate Volunteerism On The Rise at Housing Partnership

It takes a lot of commitment to build a house in December, especially when the thermometer hovers around 7°F. But employees of Crane Engineering were committed, even in the cold temperatures, to making a difference.

In support of affordable housing, Crane Engineering generously donated three days of employee time to transforming the house at 528 W. Fifth Street, Appleton, December 11, 12, and 13. Each day, eight to ten employees—from engineers to administrative assistants—donned their hats, gloves, and boots. In this short time, they

removed old windows and installed energy-efficient windows, hung exterior insulation, rebuilt the porch (now additional space in the living room) and insulated the interior. They performed major renovations on the upstairs framework and cleared basement debris. Their work put this project ahead of schedule — good news to families who desperately need affordable housing.

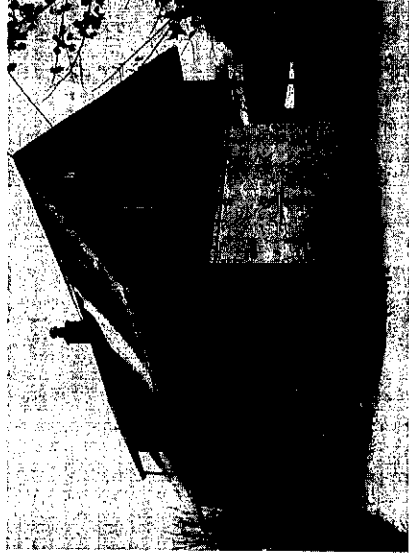
In addition to the progress made by this team on the 5th Street house, the project shed light on the serious affordable housing shortage here. For every available Housing Partnership unit, eight families wait on our application list.

Organized by Crane employee and HP volunteer **Bill Beard**, the company's help will be invaluable to the

families we serve. Within their own organization, the team-work and camaraderie built in these three days will last long into the future.

Great Job, Crane!

Your company can organize a corporate work day, or simply organize a volunteer team for a Saturday morning. Contact us, we'll be glad to help!



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People In Partnership 2001

Get ready! People In Partnership 2001 is drawing closer. During People In Partnership week, five local companies will "loan" a small group of employees to the Housing Partnership for one day. Instead of reporting to work,

community.

This is a great team building event for businesses of all sizes! Hurry, dates fill fast...contact Kerry at 731-6644 for information.



People In Partnership Week

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June 18-22, 2001

Resource Development News: *Building a Stronger Partnership*

Artifacts on the Avenue Nets \$20,000

Thank you, auction-goers, volunteers, and sponsors! Your help made the Housing Partnership's second "Artifacts on the Avenue" another resounding success, as we generated over \$20,000 to help promote more affordable housing right here in the Fox Cities!

If you didn't attend, you missed out on a great evening and some fantastic deals on unique artifacts and impressive artwork.... Congratulations high bidders!

This year's event was held on the first and third floors of the Avenue Mall. This provided us ample room to spread out the many silent auction items on hand this year. Food was prepared by Zuppa's and the crowd enjoyed a bit of jazz from the John Gibson trio.

Our live auction was again a lot of fun, with Jim Caston (WHBY-1150) and Lisa Malak (WFRV-TV5) serving as our emcees and Janet

Zastrow providing professional auctioneer services. Unique items featured during the live auction included an historic copper architectural piece from the roof of the old Neenah train station; an 8-foot metal heron garden sculpture crafted by one of our on-site artisans; and built-in cabinets removed from a house that was over 100 years old.

Many of the artifacts featured in our annual auction are the result of the hard work of our dedicated group of Honorary Crew volunteers. They spend hours and hours removing the items and materials from our project houses, then more hours building, refinishing, and painting the items. Thank you to them and the many auction participants that show their appreciation for the efforts involved.

By the way, we've already got some very exciting things in store for next year's auction.

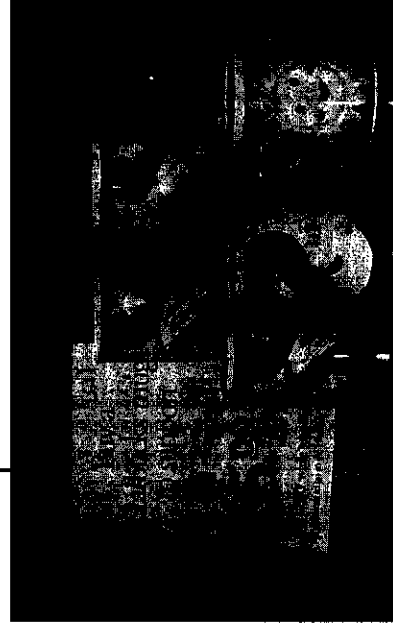
See you there!

Community First Makes a Big Change With Pocket Change For HP

Community First Credit Union has recently initiated two fundraisers for the Housing Partnership, building on the idea that with the participation of many of their members, small change can make a big difference.

Over the holidays, the bank designed, printed, and marketed thousands of paper Housing Partnership houses for sale to their members. At \$1 each, a special donation to our organization was simple and affordable for most every visitor. The fundraiser earned over \$1,000.

This spring, Community First offered to sell coffee mugs for the Housing Partnership. The celestial, jumbo mugs put ordinary coffee cups to shame and cost only \$5 each. The mugs were donated to the Housing Partnership by Starbucks. Bank representatives tell us the mugs have been very popular with members and are selling quickly.



Thanks Home Depot!

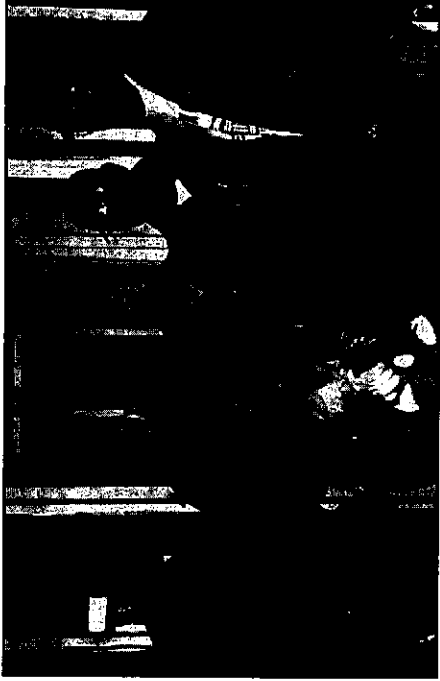
The Home Depot recently provided the Housing Partnership with \$2500 to purchase much-needed tools. As we expand our renovation efforts to multiple locations around the area, having additional tools for many work sites was imperative. Their donation makes our volunteers' efforts much easier! Members of the Home Depot staff continue to volunteer with us each month, renovating our houses.

Thanks to board members **Cathie Tierney** for the "paper houses" idea, and **Jim Bork** for initiating the Starbucks mug donation.

A Volunteer's Legacy

Sadly, we recently lost one of our dear friends and volunteers, Jack Blair. Jack was a long-time Honorary Crew volunteer, generously

devoting his time weekly to our rehab projects. In all his duties, Jack was meticulous, and he most enjoyed taking on the task of siding and completing exterior work on our houses.



Jack (second from right) with fellow Honorary Crew members

From the Director:

Recent Analysis Produces Startling Homeless Figures

As part of a state-wide effort, the Fox Cities Housing Coalition (FCHC) conducted a survey on March 8th to identify the number of homeless families and individuals in the Fox Valley area. The FCHC is a consortium of local non-profit and government housing agencies, working together to promote the efficient use of community resources in the service of low-income families in our area.

The FCHC's survey identified 82 individuals and 47 families who had no permanent shelter on this single day. This translates to over 175 people who had no place to "call home" that night.

The survey also identified a need for additional transitional housing services. Families in transitional housing receive housing and supportive services. These services are designed to assist families move away from homelessness and toward permanent housing. A total of 103 individuals and 48 families in need of transitional housing were identified in the FCHC survey. In the Fox Cities, however, our community has transitional housing available for only 53 individuals and 18 families—all of which are currently occupied.

Finally, it was found that there are more than 400 families and more than 150 individuals (elderly or disabled) on the waiting list for

Current Renovations:

528 W. 5th Street, Appleton

1818 E. Newberry, Appleton

330 Sixth Street, Neenah

825 N. Division St., Appleton

1603 N. Meade St., Appleton

★ Wish List ★

Cleaning Supplies for residents of Open Door Apartments:

Brooms, Mops

Laundry Detergent, Bleach

Laundry Baskets

Cleansers, Sponges

Bowl Cleaners & Brushes

Dishwashing Liquid

also,

Soda for our

volunteer crews

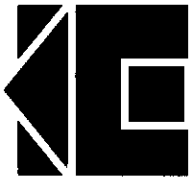


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public or subsidized housing. These families may not be homeless, but are at risk of losing their housing because of their income.

Clearly, there are still significant numbers of homeless families and individuals in our community. These numbers have increased over the past year, and we can expect that they will continue to increase in the current economic climate. We are fortunate in our community to have services to provide to many of those most in need. However, as the numbers continue to grow, we will need to provide support to those agencies servicing this population to ensure that these families and their children have a chance to live and work productively in the Fox Cities.

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Freedom Students "Spring" To Action

Over the past few months, students representing Freedom High School's National Honor Society have become actively involved in our renovation projects. Led by Mrs. Deb Siebers, the group has spent days during their school breaks tearing down walls, cleaning, and moving items at the house at 1603 N. Meade Street. "We've done service projects before, but doing [house renovations] is very different, we like it a lot," says Ashley Moreno, student organizer of the Freedom HS group.



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The Housing Partnership of the Fox Cities, Inc. is a local non-profit housing organization dedicated to the development of affordable housing in the Fox Cities, Wisconsin. By purchasing and rehabilitating older houses in the community, affordable ownership or rental opportunities can be made available to low-income families and individuals.

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