



# The Housing Partnership

of The Fox Cities, Inc.

Summer, 1997

## Changes at the Housing Partnership

### WELCOME

The Housing Partnership of the Fox Cities welcomes a new rehabilitation manager. Dennis Luebke joined us in June and will take responsibility for the renovation of properties for our home ownership and rental programs.

Dennis comes to us from The Paper Factory of Wisconsin, Inc. where he served as a Visual Merchandiser. He brings experience from the design and renovation of several homes in our area. We look forward to the same productivity applied to our home renovation projects.

Dennis believes in the value of saving and restoring; a philosophy consistent with that of the Housing Partnership. Under Dennis' direction, our organization can continue to add to our stock of affordable housing and improve the neighborhoods we live in.

Please stop and see Dennis at our Locust Street-sites!

### FAREWELL

We also said farewell to Jim Wenner, the founder of the Housing Partnership. But, we are proud to say that Jim went out with a bang!

Jim received the Helen Heil Housing Memorial Award, given for the second year to someone who contributed greatly to the development of affordable housing in our community. With his vision, creativity and dedication to the Housing Partnership, Jim certainly did that.

The award ceremony was held at the Thompson Community Center and was followed by tours of the two houses we are working on in Appleton.

Congratulations and farewell to Jim. We will miss him!



.....welcome to Dennis!.....

Thanks to:

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## WEPCO

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Wisconsin Electric Power Company has been a major contributor to the Housing Partnership. With the help of WEPCO, our homes have energy efficient windows, new storm doors, new insulation, and new or restored furnaces.

WEPCO helps us achieve our goal of providing affordable housing to families wishing to be home owners. We believe that we need to sell families homes which are affordable for them to *purchase and to live in*. Low monthly utilities help them achieve their dream of owning a home.

WEPCO has contributed to many of our homes and we are grateful. Without their help, we could not create affordable housing.

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## John N. Bergstrom Foundation

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Many thanks to the First Presbyterian Church of Neenah's contribution for the purchase of a new truck for our rehab manager. The purchase of one of two trucks which are desperately needed at the Housing Partnership was made possible by a grant from the Bergstrom Fund.

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## REALTORS Association

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And thanks goes to the REALTORS Association which held a fund raising event "Good Sports for a Good Cause" to benefit housing agencies in Northeast Wisconsin. This fundraiser has become an annual event which attracts a larger number of participants each year; we truly appreciate their continued support.

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## And Many Others

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We are grateful for the support of many others in the community:

Bemis Companies of Wisconsin  
Aid Association for Lutherans  
Charlotte Rickard  
Evans Title Companies, Inc.  
Dan Balliet and Jan Carlson  
Holy Name of Jesus Church  
Paul and Velda Quimby  
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And to those contributing materials:

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Jim and Agnes Wenner  
Lisa Kelly  
Michelle Larson  
WEPCO  
Sharon Fiedler  
Ann Kreul  
Georgie Madison  
Hoffer Glass

## ...WANT ADS....

It's summer and we are looking forward to another busy year of rehab. We will be completing a single family home and starting on a duplex in Appleton. With all of these activities come some needs we want to make you aware of:

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### WANTED--New Ideas

*Fresh ideas from new people.* We are in need of people interested in serving on our various committees. These include:

- Family Selection--selects families for home purchase and affordable rental units,
  - Resource Development-- determines needs and coordinates fund-raising and volunteer recruitment,
  - Property Selection/Development-- chooses new properties and projects for HP, and
  - Transitional Housing--selects and assists residents at Open Door.
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### WANTED--Weekend Crew

*People willing to try new things.* We would like to develop a regular weekend crew of families or individuals willing to staff a Saturday morning workday *once each month.* We would like to get a list of about 30-40 people to ensure that we have an adequate work force (and so that you don't have to come every month!). Children in middle school and above are welcome to come and work too, so it could be a family activity. We will set up a monthly schedule and send out reminders to those interested. What a great way to learn new skills, do something new, and contribute to your community.

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### WANTED--Home Buyers

We currently have two homes almost ready for residence. But we do not have a large pool of buyers to select from. So if you or anyone you know is interested in purchasing a home, please contact us for an application. Homes currently available are 2 bedrooms. The price of the home is dependent upon income, so we would encourage anyone interested in home ownership to find out more about this great opportunity.

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### WANTED--New Wheels

The Housing Partnership is in dire need of another truck for our Maintenance Assistant. And we may soon need one for our WCC crew. If you know of a very reasonably priced truck or are willing to donate one, we would like to know.

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### WANTED--Friendly Faces

As we grow, we need more assistance in the office. We have a part-time receptionist, who works in the morning (she's the friendly one that answers the phone!). We could use some volunteers for the afternoon, particularly from about 1:00-3:00.

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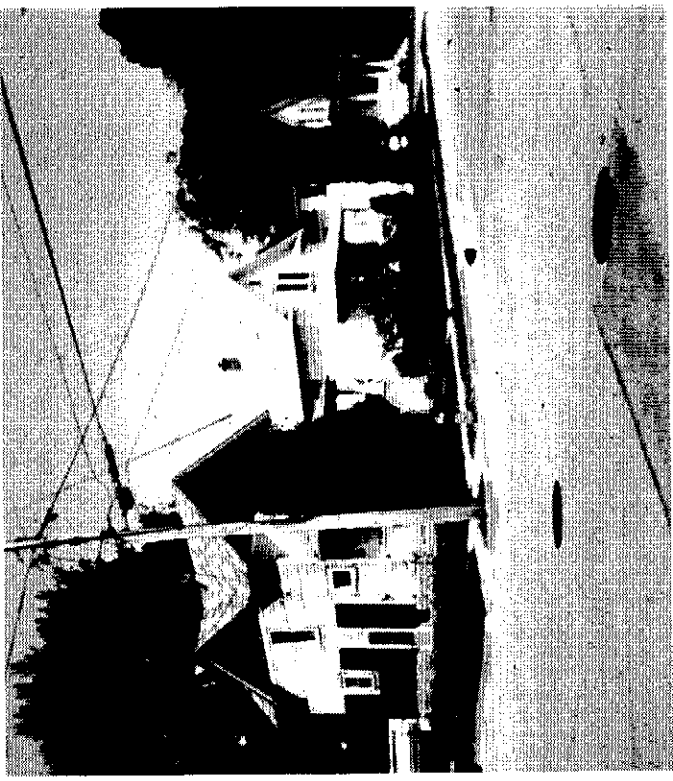
If any of these opportunities sound interesting to you, please call us at 731-6644.

We would love to have you join us in creating affordable housing!

## Current Projects

We are currently working on several properties in the Fox Cities. These include the two houses that we are renovating in Appleton on Locust Street. In addition, with the help of our Wisconsin Conservation Corps crew, we are renovating a home in Neenah.

Our volunteers are working on two houses in Appleton, located side-by-side on Locust Street in Appleton. These will both be two bedroom homes with large yards in a great location.



..... here's one of our current projects.....

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