

From our president...

Dear Friends,

The Apostles Build has been an amazing experience. I have enjoyed meeting all the new people who have come to build with us each week. It is hard to believe that the last of our 12 build days is fast approaching. Well, the next steps, dedicating the house and celebrating the family achieving their goal of home ownership are wonderful times in this process as well. Please mark your calendars. The dedication will be July 15th at 2pm. It will be at the house, 206 E. 25th Street.

Some have asked..... What's next? Where do you need our help?

I am including some information about our committees. We have 4 committees that are essential to what we do right now, and one that is in the process of being constructed. Please consider becoming more involved at this level, we enjoy new ideas and fresh faces at the table.

- 1) **Construction and Site selection** - They meet informally when they are not building. They are led by Gerald Luttrell, who with his knowledge of building, guides us all as we partner with families to build their dreams and achieve their goals.
- 2) **Fund Raising** - They do meet every month to plan for the financial needs of the affiliate. The activities they plan are work, but the people who work them have fun. They are led by Susan Marchant, who with her knowledge of the affiliate's needs and dedication works to make sure the building of the houses will be funded.
- 3) **Family Selection and Support** - This committee primarily does its work from Fall through to Spring. They are led by Kathryn Parke, who with her drive and compassion works diligently with the committee to find families we can partner with to help them fulfill their dreams and achieve their goals.
- 4) **Public relations** - This committee meets informally, as needed. They are led by Lance Davis, who with his knowledge of the necessity to keep the community engaged and aware of our projects, keeps sending the information out through various means.
- 5) **Church relations** - This committee is under construction. I am sure it will solidify and grow now that the Apostles build is almost complete.

Sincerely,

Christine Schindler, president

Meet Our Next Partner Family

Charles (usually known as C.C.) and Barbara Bass and their children are long-time Girard residents who are really looking forward to moving out of their current home! Since he's a fireman, you should probably hope that C.C. *doesn't* show up unannounced at your front door – but if needed, he's a good man to have in your corner, given his more than eight years service with the Pittsburg Fire Department, having previously served with the Girard Fire Department for five years. He spends his off hours enjoying the outdoors and as a Semi-Professional Mourner for the Kansas City Chiefs.

Barbara is a homemaker who loves to read and garden, whenever she can catch a free moment from watching their children! C.C. shares custody of his oldest daughter, Hannah, a 13-year-old 7th grader who loves sports and plays softball, basketball, and volleyball.

Children in the home include 12-year-old daughter Haley, *also* in the 7th grade, whose state assessment scores recently earned her a free visit to Silver Dollar City! Seven-year-old Leo is in the 1st grade and is in the process of learning to master his bicycle; he is also in the process of losing his baby teeth, although the two activities are (relatively) unrelated. The baby of the family, 6-year-old Erin, has started kindergarten, and is following in her parents' footsteps by devotedly tending her tomato plant. She also loves coloring, and has a toddler's fascination with bugs, especially roly-polies. C.C. and Barbara have already started earning their sweat equity hours, and they can't wait to move into a house that doesn't shoot flames out of the sockets and that can run more than one appliance at a time. They have been enjoying getting to know our volunteers and the other Partner Families, and C.C. says, "We feel truly blessed and are so thankful to all the wonderful folks at Habitat. Thanks so much."

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