

Asheville Area  
Habitat for Humanity

# Women Build 2008



## Greetings Women Build enthusiasts!

Women Build 2008 is underway! This is our first issue of the 2008 Women Build e-newsletter. If you would prefer not to receive this e-newsletter, please let us know and we will gladly remove your name from our list. Otherwise, enjoy this issue and have a happy holiday season.

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## One Family's Holiday Wish Comes True



Lyudmila Yarosh recently received a call from Michelle Kaiser (Habitat's Family Selection Coordinator) notifying her of the family's application approval. The Yarosh family could not have received a better gift than "the gift of home" and they are thrilled to be the partner family for the 2008 Women Build house.

## Meet the Partner Family



Lyudmila Yarosh and her teenage son currently live in a two-bedroom apartment where there is a high frequency of drug activity and crime. Due to the unsafe conditions, her son spends most of his time indoors. Her other son attends Western Carolina University, and often stays with Lyudmila on the weekends and college breaks.

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## Meet the Partner Family (continued)

Lyudmila is a CNA for two companies that contract for Mission Hospitals. She enjoys her work assisting patients after they have had surgery. Prior to that, she worked in house-keeping at Mission Hospitals for nearly four years.

When she lived Ukraine, Lyudmila owned a house; she would like the opportunity to maintain and pay for her own property here in Asheville.

## The Return of Robin and Diane!

Asheville Area Habitat is pleased to announce that Robin Clark and Diane Matheson will be returning to lead the 2008 Women Build crews. Robin was the construction supervisor on our first WB project in 1994. Last year Diane joined Robin as co-leader, and volunteers loved working under their patient supervision. Both Robin and Diane look forward to seeing several 2007 volunteers returning in 2008, and they also hope to meet many new volunteers as well.



Diane (right) teaches a volunteer how to use a chop saw.



Robin makes construction look easy!

## Meet the Committee

Seventeen women have volunteered to take leadership of the 2008 Women Build. These women are members of the community from all walks of life who are working together to make a difference.

### Leadership Committee

**Lou Farquhar**, Leadership Committee Co-Chair  
**Rebecca Lawton**, Leadership Committee Co-Chair  
**Mary Kay Bailey**, Fundraising Committee Co-Chair  
**Jerene Broadway**, Fundraising Committee Co-Chair  
**Soni Pitts**, Publicity/Marketing Committee Chair  
**Elizabeth Sarrett**, Volunteer Committee Co-Chair  
**Lynda Swann**, Volunteer Committee Co-Chair

### Committee Members

Judy Bircher  
 Mary Ann Brackett  
 Ashley Burpeau  
 Sami Forrest  
 Debbie Lampton  
 Ann-Patton Nelson  
 Suzannah Plemmons  
 Cindy Rice  
 Nancy Stark  
 Susie Sweet

## Fundraising Report

The Women Build committee needs to raise a minimum of \$60,000 by next May. To date, more than \$40,000 has been raised for this project. A generous leadership gift from the Stiver Foundation will help sponsor Women Build for three years, beginning with the 2008 WB house.

## Ways to help

### Volunteer:

*You* can be part of this effort! It's too premature to assign volunteers to specific dates, but if you're in our WB database, you'll be contacted when we start scheduling



2007 Women Build volunteers raised interior walls about a week into the project.

volunteers. If you received the link to this newsletter directly from Habitat, then you're already on our list. If this was forwarded to you from a friend and you'd like to ensure that you receive future announcements about Women Build, especially volunteer sign-up opportunities, please go to:  
[http://www.ashevillehabitat.org/mailing\\_list](http://www.ashevillehabitat.org/mailing_list)

Fill out your information, select "Women Build E-Newsletter", then hit Submit.

*Please note: volunteers must be 16 years old.*

### Make a donation:

Visit [www.ashevillehabitat.org](http://www.ashevillehabitat.org) and click on Donate Today. Select Women Build 2008 from the pull-down menu on the online donation form. Or simply mail a check to Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity and note that the contribution is for Women Build.

### Unique opportunities (particularly for those under age 16):

Individuals or groups can sponsor lunch for the work crew. Another opportunity would be to host a fundraising event, such as a bake sale, to benefit the Asheville Women Build project. **Please note:** Special projects such as these must be approved by Habitat staff beforehand. Please contact House Sponsor Coordinator Betsy Warren at 251-5702 or [bwarren@ashevillehabitat.org](mailto:bwarren@ashevillehabitat.org) for approval.