



## Spring Has Sprung

by John Ewers

**Spring is sprung  
The grass is riz  
Where last year's  
Nails and sawdust is.**

The partnership of  
Catch the Building Spirit/Catholic  
The Presbyterian Churches  
And Dayton Habitat For Humanity

If that sounds a lot like the old Burma Shave roadside ditties, it is—with a distinct building theme. It is spring and we are **READY!** It was a long, cold and snowy winter. Some of the Catholic/Presbyterian volunteers helped out a bit over the winter on some other Habitat houses. But there is nothing like digging a hole on a lot ready for a house. And there is nothing like building another first class house with a first class family in serious need of a decent place to live.

For me and I'm sure for many others, one of the best parts of getting going on another house is renewing old acquaintances from last year's build. For me and for many others it is special to work along side fellow Christians and get to know each other in very meaningful ways.

Over the years we have shared

good times, some sad ones, helped each other out, got to know each other better in work and prayers and devotions and celebrations. I'm as sure as a human being can be that God and our Savior are pleased that we are working together helping our neighbors. Over the years I'll bet the ecumenical spirit that we bring to our Habitat projects has deepened the faith of all of us.

If you need more proof of that, we heard Archbishop Pilarczyk express his gratitude for the success of this ecumenical project at the dedication of the house last year. He said he rejoiced "to be in the company of those who take seriously their right and their duties and human dignity." These are rights that don't have to be earned; they belong to each of us simply as an inheritance as human beings. This basic insight is the foundation of Christian teaching about justice. He went on to say that this project completed by ecumenical groups "is an example of a

pragmatic grass-roots response to rights and duties." "You have all worked together to provide decent housing for people who needed it."

If we need another incentive for jumping into a new project this year, Habitat for Humanity in Montgomery County is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year and CtBS/Catholic will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year.

Enough said? Let's get on with it! We'll see you on site!



# It's Spring!

## We Are Ready To Build Again!

**T**his year we will mark the tenth anniversary of our organization, Catch the Building Spirit/Catholics Building Together. Join us and our partners, the Presbyterian churches and Dayton Habitat for Humanity, and help us celebrate. We are building our house at 3207 Forest Grove Avenue for Erin Bell and her 5-year-old daughter, Alana. Each group, Catholics and Presbyterians, is raising \$22,000 from churches and individuals to finance the cost of the house. In addition, we will be soliciting in-kind donations from businesses. Commitments

have been made from Pickrel Brothers (plumbing supplies and fixtures), Hillpoint Mechanical (permit and installation), Becker Electric (electrical supplies), Central Electric (permit and installation), Korrekt plumbing (gas, water and sewer hookups), Frank Detmer & Sons (permit and installation), Carr Supply (ducting), Bryan Habegger (furnace), Marshall Home Remodeling (framing leader), and Sawdust Construction (cabinets, countertops and installation). Excavation should begin at the site in late April. A Blitz effort (building

the walls and erecting the house) is scheduled for May 24 (Memorial Day weekend) through May 30. So don't delay, get those volunteer sheets, fill them out and come join the fun! For more information, contact the Catholic Social Action Office at 224-3026 or Chris Ellis, the Presbyterian coordinator, at 429-1410.



### Catch The Building Spirit Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

	<b>Fifteen Months Ended September 30, 2002</b>	<b>Year Ended June 30, 2001</b>
<b>Cash Receipts</b>		
Contributions	32,158	35,419
Investment income	577	81
Total cash receipts	32,735	35,500
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>		
<b>Program services:</b>		
Grants paid to Dayton Ohio Habitat For Humanity	20,000	20,000
<b>General administrative and fund raising:</b>		
Professional fees	1,616	1,305
Insurance	1,275	990
Printing	1,290	317
Postage, copying , office supplies	1,130	645
	5,311	3,257
Total cash disbursements	25,311	23,257
<b>Increase In Cash And Cash Equivalents</b>	7,424	12,243
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	21,957	9,714
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents At End Of Period</b>	29,381	21,957

## Would You Like To Help Buy Part(s) Of Our House?

Rough Estimate- No. Needed	Description	84 Lumber \$/Piece	Total \$ Required
1. 520	2 x 4 x 92 5/8 Wall Stud	2.29	\$1,190.80
2. 16	2 x 6 x 92 5/8 Wall Stud	3.46	55.36
3. 6	32" 6-Panel Interior Door	41.94	251.64
4. 2	4' x 8' x 1/2 Water Proof Drywall	10.84	21.68
5. 125	4' x 8' x 1/2 Drywall Sheet	11.84	1,497.50
6. 30	25 Year Shingle	9.16	274.80
7. 101	7/16 OSB Board (Sheeting)	9.49	958.49
8. 14	R13 - 3 1/2 x 15 Insulation Batt	9.06	406.84
9. 9	R19 - 6 x 24 Insulation Batt	22.49	202.41
10. 2	36" Prosteel 6-Panel Ext. Door	114.39	228.78
11. 74	2 x 4 x 12 Board	4.20	310.80
12. 65	2 x 4 x 14 Board	4.88	317.20
13. 65	2 x 4 x 16 Board	5.83	378.95
14. 1	36 x 28 3301 Vinyl Window	125.71	125.71
15. 9	36 x 62 3301 Vinyl Window	148.59	1,337.31
16. 1	8D Sinker 50# (Nails)	21.99	21.99
17. 1	16D Sinker 50# (Nails)	21.99	21.99
18. 1	Drywall Screws (Box)	39.97	39.97
19. 13	2 x 10 x 12 Board	12.69	164.97
20. 21	2 x 10 x 14 Board	14.81	311.01
21. 21	2 x 10 x 16 Board	16.92	355.32
22. 10	Vinyl Siding (Box)	39.32	393.20

**To Volunteer or Contribute,  
Please Fill Out Form and Return to the Addresses Listed Below.**

We also have need for licensed plumbers, electricians and heating contractors, plus professional drywall technicians. Parish liaisons, too! *Can you help?*

**Catholics:** Please make your checks or money orders payable to: *Catch the Building Spirit*. If you would like to donate your talents to the next project, please fill out the form below and mail all contributions and/or forms to: *Catch the Building Spirit, Catholic Social Action Office, 266 Bainbridge, Dayton OH 45402*.

**Presbyterians:** Please make your checks or money orders payable to: *Dayton Habitat for Humanity, ATTN: Presbyterian Build*. If you would like to donate your talents to the next project, please fill out the form below and mail all contributions and/or forms to: *DOHH, P.O. Box 494, Dayton OH 45409*.

- Donation                       Volunteering to Work  
 In Kind  
 Cash

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

## Incarnation **Jumps** Into the Building Spirit!

**T**he Incarnation Catch the Building Spirit committee has been meeting, and we are planning to set up our "Bieber Boards" at all of the entrances to the church the first weekend in May and will have announcements in the church bulletin the weekend before.

Our committee is growing and we are getting some good feedback. Gerry Daly is planning to make a presentation to the Men's group, Wilma Karl is working with the Youth group coordinator and Kim Adams is making contact with the Boy Scouts. We are hoping for a big Incarnation presence this year and Father Stretch has given us his support and his blessing.

## 2003 ANNUAL MEETING

**Y**ou are invited to attend the annual meeting of Catch the Building Spirit on June 9, 2003 at 7:00 P.M., at the Catholic Social Action Office first floor conference room, 266 Bainbridge St., Dayton, OH 45402.

The business meeting will include the election of five trustees and four officers, plus approval of the budget and other issues dealing with the house build. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by May 30 if you plan to attend. Call the Catholic Social Action Office at 937-224-3026.