



Catch^{the} Building Spirit
2006 ANNUAL REPORT

Catholics Building Together!

Mission Statement: The purpose of the Corporation, Catch the Building Spirit, will be to assist low-income person(s) to obtain safe, affordable and quality housing in the Miami Valley area.

CATHOLICS AND PRESBYTERIANS BUILDING TOGETHER

Making a Difference!

by *Ralph O'Bleness*

When Bea Delph, a CtBS Trustee, asked me how I caught the “bug” for Habitat, it made me think. The first time dealing with housing for low-income folks was while I was stationed in Texas. A group got together to paint/caulk/fix up homes in a very distressed neighborhood whose residents were all elderly and on fixed incomes and barely able to support themselves, let alone fix up their houses. Then the opportunity came up to help a community near Abilene, TX restore a church for a decidedly poor congregation. Both times it was clear that the helpers were getting far more out of the experience than the folks we were helping.

After we moved to Dayton in the 90s (seems a long time ago), I helped with a Saint Mary's Development Corporation project to restore a house in the Twin Towers Neighborhood. That place started out a mess and became a neigh-

borhood gem—every bit of the work done by volunteers. I can't begin to describe the feelings of accomplishment when the house was completed and a very happy family moved in.

Regarding CtBS building efforts: I'm still a “rookie.” I haven't worked on ten houses yet. But memories of one house already blur into the next. It still amazes me to hear folks remembering distinct details about each house. But the “bug” is still there and I can't wait to start on this year's build. One thing I know for sure: the excitement of starting each year gets greater each and every year.

This year's house will be built on Tennyson Avenue. It will be a story-and-a-half and it'll be beautiful because it represents how much the volunteers who build it truly care. They care about the family; they care about making something great happen; and they care about making it happen “hands-on.”

There is an enormous satisfaction in seeing the results of volunteers' efforts.

- Some volunteers raise funds; CtBS helps fund the house.
- When Blitz Week comes, many volunteers will get the shell up, the roof on, windows in, doors installed and the siding on. Other volunteers will cook, serve and clean up breakfast and lunch.
- After Blitz Week, a constant stream of volunteers will finish the house—everything from hanging sheetrock and installing interior doors to building porches, painting, pouring driveways and sidewalks and landscaping. I am absolutely sure that every one of those volunteers will come away from this project certain they've made a great difference in a family's life.

So, won't you join us this year? It's a simple proposition. Enjoy doing something great, make a difference and then realize that you have changed too!

Love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.—John 3:16-18

CtBS Statement Of Cash Receipts And Disbursements

For the year ending September 30, 2006

Cash Receipts

Contributions	28,848.92
Investment income	561.09
Total cash receipts	29,410.01

Cash Disbursements

Program services:

Grants paid to Dayton Ohio Habitat For Humanity	25,000.00
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General administrative expenses:

Professional fees	200.00
Insurance	800.00
Office expense	278.57
	1,278.57

Fund raising expenses:

Newsletter	646.36
Hospitality	48.94
House dedication	106.15
Recognition plaques	216.00
Office expense	235.52
	1,252.97

Total cash disbursements	27,531.54
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Increase In Cash And Cash Equivalents

1,878.47

Cash And Cash Equivalents

Beginning of Period	32,849.44
End of Period	34,727.91

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Spring! Spring! Spring!

After such a cold winter, it is great to welcome spring! With spring in the air, excitement is building. What are we building? CtBS/Catholic in partner-

ship with the Presbyterian Churches and Dayton Habitat for Humanity are building a story-and-a-half house for our partner family, Carla Wesley and her five children. The house will be built on Tennyson Avenue. Both groups, Catholics and Presbyterians, will be raising the funds to finance the cost of the house. As in the past, we will be contacting our in-kind donors and asking for their help.

“Blitz Week” (house raising) is scheduled for Saturday, May 26 (Memorial Day weekend) to Friday, June 1. So get those boots and work clothes out, fill out those volunteer forms and come join your friends for some fun!

For more information about donations or volunteering, Catholics can call the Social Action Office at 224-3026 and the Presbyterians can call Chris Ellis at 429-1410.

Typical Cost to Purchase Materials

This year we are building a story-and-a-half house. The list below is a rough estimate of what is needed to build the house. If you would like to buy a part(s) for our house, please fill out the form below.

Qty.	Description	\$/Piece	Total \$ Required
334	2 x 2 x 92 5/8 Wall Stud	3.00	\$1,002.00
14	2 x 6 x 92 5/8 Wall Stud (plumbing)	5.00	70.00
60	2 x 4 x 12 Boards	5.00	300.00
20	2 x 4 x 16 Boards	7.00	140.00
17	2 x 10 x 8 Boards	7.50	127.50
78	2 x 10 x 12 Boards	12.50	975.00
6	2 x 10 x 16 Boards	15.50	93.00
3	2 x 10 x 18 Boards	17.50	52.50
2	36" Exterior Doors	178.00	356.00
21	4 x 8 x 1/2" Waterproof Drywall	8.00	168.00
136	4 x 12 x 1/2" Regular Drywall	10.00	1,360.00
5	#15 Roofing Felt	14.50	72.50
126	25-Year Shingle Bundles	12.00	1,512.00
152	7/16" OSB Sheeting (Walls/Roof)	8.50	1,292.00
36	3/4" T&G OSB Sheeting (Floor)	17.00	612.00
8	R-13 Wall Insulation Packages	33.00	264.00
14	R-19 Wall Insulation Packages	40.00	560.00
3	R-30 Ceiling Insulation Packages	50.00	150.00
10	36" Interior Doors	72.00	720.00
7	3-0 x 5-0 Single Hung Windows	114.00	798.00
2	3-0 x 3-0 Single Hung Windows	125.00	250.00
2	3-0 x 3-6 Casement Windows	250.00	500.00
1	8d Sinker Nails, 50 lb. Box	28.00	28.00
1	16d Sinker Nails, 50lb. Box	28.00	28.00
1	50# Box Drywall Screws	50.00	50.00
22	Square Vinyl Siding	50.00	1,100.00
16	Pieces Vinyl Vented Soffit	10.00	160.00

**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.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Donation | <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you wish to remain anonymous |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In Kind | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering to Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cash | |

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Church _____

Campers Collect for Habitat House

Vacation Bible School campers from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Centerville shared their pennies to raise funds to help Catch the Building Spirit (CtBS) build a house in partnership with Dayton Ohio Habitat for Humanity (DOHH). More than \$200 was collected during the four evenings of camp, July 24–27, enough to carpet a room for a newly built home. A matching contribution from a parish-ioner brought the funds to \$406.32.

The Habitat project at 520 Kenwood Ave. in Dayton was sponsored by CtBS (Catholic parishes) and Miami Valley Presbyterian Churches.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Bible School campers who presented the check to Frank Gorman from DOHH and Patti Kemper from CtBS included Grimm Darke, Samantha Hazenfield, Philip Hickey, Kate Hickey, and Rosemarie Darke.



St. Helen School Students Nail Fund Drive for CtBS

At the all-school Mass closing Catholic Schools Week, students saw 2x4s and a box prominently displayed near the altar. During his homily, Fr. David Brinkmoeller asked the students, “What’s in the box?” The answer was, “Nails for the Habitat House!” Including the cost of the box of nails, the students raised over \$500 to support Catch the Building Spirit’s efforts

to help fund and build a house with Dayton Habitat for Humanity. Catch the Building Spirit (CtBS) is an association of Catholic Parishes in the Dayton Deanery. CtBS, with their Presbyterian partners, is building its 14th home in the Dayton area. Jerry Nowak and Ken

Enneking, CtBS chairmen,

praised the effort by St. Helen students as a great kick-off for the 2007 build season.

