



Dayton Ohio  
**Habitat**  
for Humanity®

# *The Cornerstone*

*Fall 2011*

*Many faces smiling all around  
And it starts with the breaking of much-needed ground,  
Labor and sweat bring a precious gift  
So much gratitude as another spirit lifts---  
A dream manifested, wishes finally granted  
Many new homes from the Pacific to the Atlantic.  
All because of people that care enough to give,  
With willing spirits, a place to live.  
A place that God has given, a place to grow,  
A place that's all yours where you can go;  
A prayer finally answered that you still can't believe---  
Lord, I thank you for Habitat for Humanity!*

**Ameia Gomez**  
Habitat Homeowner

## From the Executive Director

Although still struggling with a recessive economy, the gifts of time, talent and treasure from all of you continued at a pace which enabled us to see eleven more families, including 41 children, move into new or rehabbed homes – all over Montgomery County. As we reached out to create affordable homeownership in new communities, our families have been welcomed with open arms.

We are humbled and inspired by the breadth and depth of the support we received from the Montgomery County community in 2011. The generosity of every individual, every business and foundation, every city and township, and every faith family, is critical to our continued ability to serve more families each year.

Our greatest inspiration, however, comes from our Habitat families. Whether it be the beautiful poem from Ameia Gomez, the unexpected gift of cupcakes from a new Habitat partner family for all of the staff, or the faithful \$10.00 monthly gift from a Habitat homeowner – these are the things that make us realize that we – all of us – are truly making a difference in the lives of our Habitat partner families, and, in turn, in the quality of life in our community.

We hope you will continue to support our mission to offer “a hand up, not a hand out” to families seeking the opportunity to own and pay for a decent, affordable home in a safe neighborhood in the year 2012 and beyond. Thank you – from all of us at Dayton Habitat.

## Roosevelt Avenue Becomes a Community

Listening to Carolyn Hines speak about her neighborhood is to hear a woman who loves her community. She recalls how she used to live: anti-social, tired, and cautious of her neighbors. Carolyn never wanted to be bothered. Now, she keeps her door open to visitors and has a nickname for every person on the block. “In each of these houses,” she says, “there is an individual blessing.”

Roosevelt Avenue is filled with Habitat homeowners, including Carolyn, who have transformed a street into a community. One neighbor edges lawns and another does hair. Carolyn acquired the empty lot next door and plans to turn it into a play area with a swing set and picnic table. Several neighbors pooled their resources to purchase a tree trimmer for the whole street’s use. Everyone watches out for each other, and “if we haven’t seen you, we’ll come over to make sure you’re okay.”

Carolyn remains very proud of her home and all of the hard work that went into building it. She encourages her neighbors when they make improvements to their own properties.

Carolyn lives by the motto, *Live where you love and love where you live.*



Since 1983, Dayton Habitat has built or rehabbed **178 homes** for Montgomery County families including **11 homes in 2011** in six different cities.



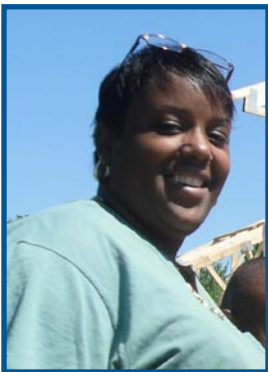
*Habitat has given me an opportunity which seemed unreachable on my own.*

--- **Holly Adkins**  
Union



*Everything is good! We have nice neighbors and the kids have space to study and have fun.*

--- **Alice Twagirayezu**  
Riverside



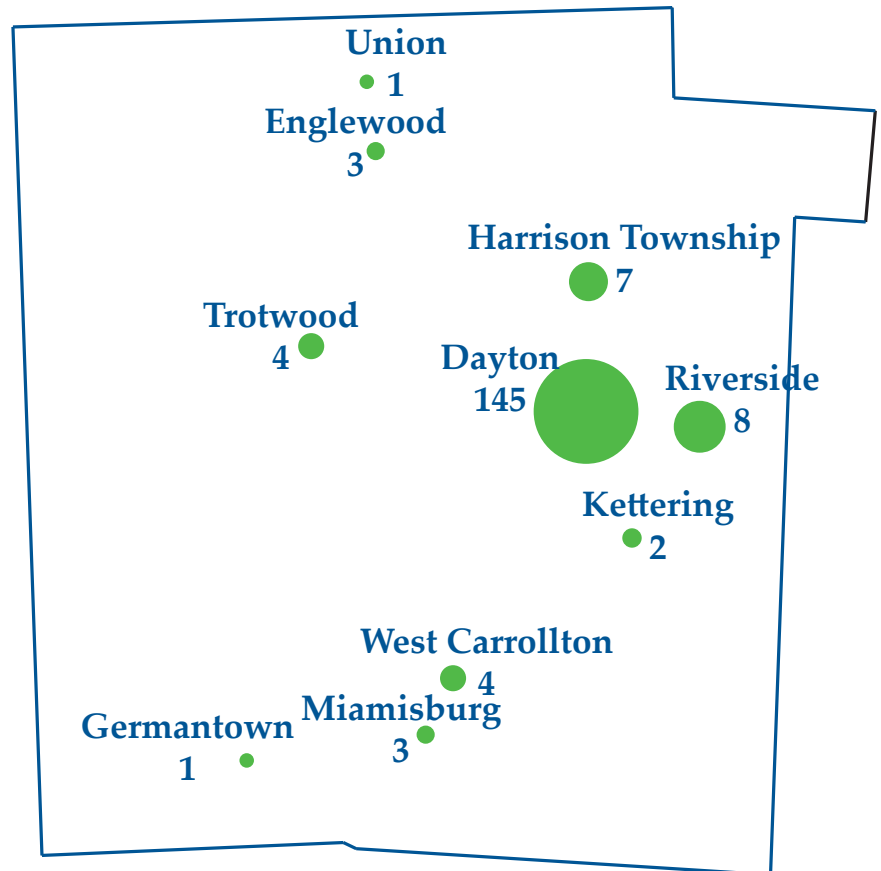
*Family nights are better. We have space for everybody and we're more comfortable.*

--- **Katina Prather**  
Trotwood



*The kids are playing outside and are making friends in our neighborhood.*

--- **Aye'sha Welch**  
Dayton



*Paula and I are very happy. This is the happiest we've been in a long time.*

--- **Carolyn Lake**  
West Carrollton



*An apartment big enough for us would be \$1200, but my house is only \$700 a month for our mortgage.*

--- **Cirilo Modi & Bronica Pitiya**  
Kettering



1,500 sq ft of exterior siding

Whirlpool Corporation

**2,000 hours of volunteer labor**

**516 studs**

100 sheets of drywall

**48 tubes of caulking**

Dow

325 sq ft of vinyl flooring

35 gallons of paint

**Hedrick & Jordan Co. LPA**

Schneider Electric / Square D

Ernst Concrete

**30 cubic yds of concrete**

**1 caring community building  
1 home for 1 family**

300 ft of roofing tape

**368 ft of baseboard**

**166 sheets of plywood**

**63 bundles of shingles**

Valspar Paint

**60 electrical outlets and switches**

**40,000 nails**

2,500 sq ft of insulation

Southern Ohio Real Estate Title Agency

Yale Locks

6,000 sq ft of sod

875 sq ft of carpeting

# Ways to Give

This Holiday Season, help a family in Montgomery County build a better future for their children in a healthy, affordable home. Supporting affordable housing builds stronger families, stronger neighborhoods, and stronger communities.



## Donate Online

By donating online, your gift will be put to work immediately. It's a convenient, secure way to support Dayton Habitat. Visit [www.daytonhabitat.org](http://www.daytonhabitat.org) and click "Donate Now" for more information.

## Gifts in Honor or In Memorial

Make a gift in honor or in memory of someone you love this holiday season and we'll send a card acknowledging your gift in their name.



## Reoccurring Monthly Gifts

Let your gift continue to give all year by setting up a monthly donation through our secure online donation site or through your bank. By making even a small gift each month, you enable us to continue to build healthy and affordable homes for our partnering families across Montgomery County.

## Leave a Legacy

By making a planned, charitable gift, you are able to ensure future Habitat partner families are able to enjoy decent, affordable homes in safe neighborhoods. Email [development@daytonhabitat.org](mailto:development@daytonhabitat.org) or call (937) 586-0860 x20 for more information.



## Doubling Your Dollars

Many companies have matching gift programs that double or even triple individual, tax-deductible contributions made by their employees. Additionally, many companies will match hours volunteered with an approved organization with a gift. Ask your employer about your company's matching gift program today.

*Dayton Ohio Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with God and people from all walks of life to develop communities with people in need by building and renovating houses so that there are decent and affordable homes in safe communities where families can live and grow.*

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## Save the Date

# Annual Volunteer Recognition

Thursday, January 19, 2012

America's Packard Museum  
The Citizen's Motor Company  
420 South Ludlow Street  
Dayton, OH 45402

*Sponsored by PNC Bank*

## ReStore Recycling

In 2011 our Dayton Habitat ReStore collected and recycled:

- **280,000 lbs.** of construction/demolition debris
- **54,900 lbs.** of mixed metal
- **14,410 lbs.** of electronics
- **20,228 lbs.** of latex paint
- **31,000 lbs.** of cardboard

A grand total of **400,538 lbs.** of materials saved from landfills!