FAITH AWARENESS & FUNDRAISING GUIDE

Partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley is an exciting way for members of your congregation to make an immediate impact where they live, work and worship.

Congregations are invited to participate through prayer, volunteerism and financial support. Here are some ideas for putting faith into action to help a local family in need of simple, decent and affordable housing.

Prayer Support

• Lift the build up in prayer; pray for all persons in need of shelter
• Put a brief article in the church newsletter and bulletin about the ministry of Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley.

Off-Site Engagement Ideas

• Create a display as a visual reminder of the Habitat project for display at your church
• Invite Habitat to speak at your congregation
• Organize children's activities, such as making a welcome basket for the new homeowners, singing a song at the dedication, decorate/sign framing boards to be used in the home

Fundraising Ideas

• Take a special offering or have a special pledge during service
• Plan a social and spice it up with a Habitat speaker and entertainment
• Trade treasures at a garage sale
• Get creative with a craft show with a portion of the sales donated to the project
• "Buy a brick" event: Create a grid on a poster with a drawing of a house. Sell sections of the grid, or "bricks," and write donors' names on the spaces
• Hold a 2x4 Sunday: Sell the 2x4s that you will use for construction to members of the congregation. Invite purchasers to sign the 2x4 and write encouraging messages on them
• Collect aluminum cans
• Host a bake sale
• Organize a group in your congregation to make a dinner and sell meal tickets
• Concession Stand: Work concessions at University of Michigan sports games or local high school games and a portion of proceeds will be donated to your campaign
• Host a movie night at your congregation, and invite members and provide popcorn and drinks. Charge "admission"

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