

Building houses, building hope February 12, 2016

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We are reaching out to you because we hope that you can help us identify families in the community who may benefit from Snyder-Union-Northumberland Habitat for Humanity's home building program. Each year, SUN Habitat for Humanity (formerly Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity) builds or remodels a house in partnership with a low-income family and helps them with home ownership by providing a no interest mortgage loan. They participate in building their own home and complete a homeownership training program as part of this partnership.

It is a great opportunity for a family to obtain a safe and decent home. However, we are limited in our ability to get the word out to everyone we hope to reach in the community. Please ask your staff and associates to encourage any families who are in need of adequate shelter to apply for a Habitat home. We are not asking you to spend time trying to determine if families are eligible, just to provide them with a way to contact us, and a quick "This organization may be able to help you attain adequate shelter and home ownership. Give them a call to find out more."

In March of 2016 we will be taking applications from interested families and determining eligibility. After qualified families have been identified, the Board will meet to select the partner families for the home build that will take place in spring of 2016. (Simple factors to help determine if a family may be eligible are: the family lives in inadequate housing at the current time; they have the desire to own a home and are willing to put sweat equity into building it; and have a relatively low income but the means to repay a lower than average, interest free loan.)

If you or interested families have questions, we can be reached at (570) 374-2437or via email at sandy@sunhabitat.org. We're happy to provide more information and sign families up for our application days of March 6th at 3:00pm and March 9th at 6:00pm at the Trinity United Methodist Church located on Route 304 and 15 in Winfield. We have also enclosed a flyer that we hope you are able to display or share with others or post in a common area.

Respectfully,

Sandra N. Hopkins

Administrator