HABITAT FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Progress at Rakita's



We are so excited that our dedicated construction team has made such great progress at Rakita's home. We cannot wait to see her and the boys in their new home!





Isabel has started her sweat equity, helping at Rakita's house...we can't wait to get hers started!

YOUR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS DO GOOD

Did you know that more than $120,000 in yearly mortgage payments that you make as a homeowner goes back into building homes for our new Habitat Families? You are not just a homeowner with Habitat, but a very important part of our funding for future Habitat families. ~**THANK YOU!!**

Michael Nicholson



We are saddened at the loss of one of homeowners. Mike passed away suddenly on July 22. Please keep the Nicholson family in your prayers!

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Does someone need help with flooding resources? Please share this important website!

Scan for more information



Madison County Flood Relief Resources

Find Help

Volunteer & Donate

Madison County organizations, churches, nonprofits, and community partners continue to respond to the impact of flooding across our communities. We have compiled the resources below to help connect those who have been impacted with assistance, and those who want to help with opportunities to do so.

Information and needs are changing quickly. Please call or check with an organization before traveling to confirm current hours, availability and needs.

Need help finding a resource? Call 211. Indiana 211 is available 24/7 to connect residents with food, housing, shelter and other emergency assistance.

Looking for official updates? Jump to Official Flood & Emergency Information.

As Madison County transitions from immediate response into cleanup and long-term recovery, this page will continue to include both current daily assistance and ongoing recovery resources.

Organizations providing flood assistance, accepting donations, or coordinating volunteers may send updates or corrections to tdreger@madisonccf.org



We need your help!

Do you have any holiday photos of your family celebrating in your habitat home? Baking Cookies, lights on the house? Would you be willing to share with us for our annual holiday card?

email Amy~ finance@habitatmadison.org

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October Happenings!









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FIRE SAFETY WEEK

Fire Safety Week 2026 - October 5th through October 11th

City of Anderson Fire Department
44 W. 5th Street Anderson Indiana 46013

Smoke Alarms, make them work for you!

KITCHEN:
Unsafe cooking is the leading cause of home fires and burn injuries.

- Keep cooking surfaces clean.
- Hang curtains, potholders and dishtowels at least three feet from the stove.
- Cook with the lowest effective heat.
- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Supervise children in the kitchen at all times.
- Unplug appliances when not in use.

LIVING ROOM OR DEN:
Careless habits can cause tragedies.

- If people smoke in the house, empty ashtrays often, but only when the contents are cool.
- Avoid extension cords. Never run them under rugs or where they may be pinched.34
- Have chimneys inspected each year. Burn only dry wood or manufactured logs. Use a spark-containing fire screen or glass shield.
- Inspect space heaters for wear and tear. Check the emergency features. Use only the recommended fuel.
- Keep combustibles, children, and pets at least 3 feet from heat sources.
- Hang holiday decorations far from heat sources.

BASEMENT, WORKROOM OR ATTIC:
Out of sight, out of mind? Take a closer look.

- Strap water heater to the wall, 18" off the floor. Have gas shut off valve in easy reach.
- Have the furnace inspected annually.
- Store flammable liquids far from heat.
- Do not store large amounts of unused paper or cloth items.
- Oily rags can ignite without warning. Wash them in detergent and discard.

BEDROOMS:
Half of house fire deaths are caused by fires that begin between 10 pm and 6 am.

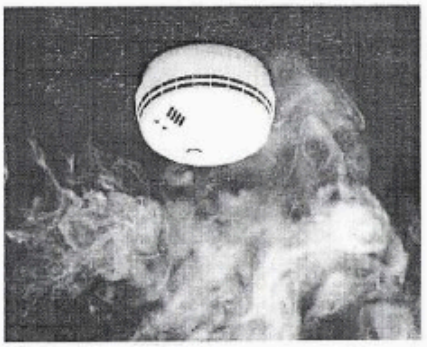
- Never smoke in bed.
- Sleep with bedroom doors closed to slow the fire's progress toward you.
- Install at least one smoke alarm on each level of your home.
- Consider escape ladders for second floor bedroom windows.

ROOF:

- Choose Class A rated fire-resistant roofing.
- Install spark guards around chimneys.

THE HOUSE AS A WHOLE:
Heating and electrical fires are common.

- Install at least one smoke alarm on each level of your home.
- Maintain smoke alarms with monthly tests and new batteries twice a year.
- Have a licensed electrician check the house's wiring if lights flicker, fuses blow, or sparks fly from outlets or appliances.
- Do not overload electrical outlets.
- Check cords and plugs for wear.
- Windows and doors must be easy to open from the inside. Security bars must open easily without a key or other tools.
- Keep extinguishers labeled 2A-10BC in the kitchen and workroom and near fireplaces.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.



For this year's fire safety week (October 5th through 11th), the City of Anderson Fire Department will be giving away smoke detectors for the homeowners in our city. Homeowners may come to Fire Department Headquarters located at 44 W. 5th Street and fill out a registration form to receive 1 free smoke alarm for each floor (not including basements or attics). We would like to remind everyone to practice fire safety all year long and to have a safe and happy October.



Giving you the flowers you deserve!

Congratulations to Jennifer Moreno on her new position with Grace Horizon! We know you will do great things to help families in their program.

Have some good news you would like to share with our Habitat Family? New baby, new job, graduation?

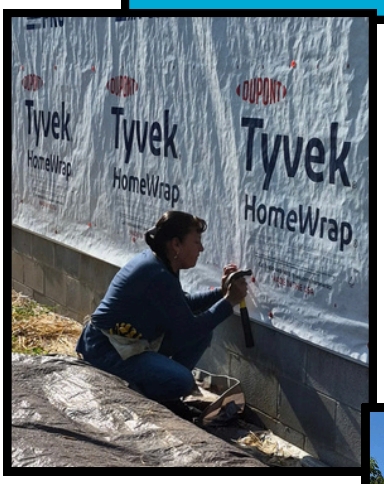
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Our work in pictures











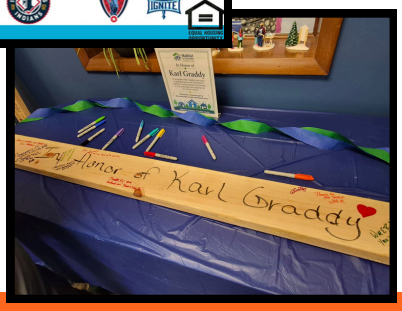












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