



Larry Martin Retires From Habitat for Humanity Board



After serving for 12 years as a board member of Holmes County Habitat for Humanity, Larry D. Martin retired from that position on December 31, 2009.

Larry was first elected to the Board of Directors of the Holmes County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity in 1998. During his time on the board, Larry has been instrumental in continuing the Habitat mission to provide simple, decent, affordable houses for people in Holmes County.

“Larry was always able to bring a common sense approach to the various situations facing our board each month,” stated Deb Berner, President of Holmes County Habitat for Humanity. “While we will miss Larry and the expertise he provided, we wish him well. We are thankful to have had him be a part of our Affiliate for so many years.”

Dave Schlabach of Holmesville has been elected to the Board to fill Martin’s vacant seat. Schlabach is the owner of Dave Schlabach Custom Homes and brings a wealth of knowledge and building experience to the board. “To have a builder join our board is truly a blessing,” Berner stated. “We look forward to the guidance he will be able to provide to us.”

Other board members currently serving Habitat include: Deb Berner, President; Ruth Crissey; Jill Dial; Laurie Etwiler; Kate Findley, Family Selection Chair; Dave Fullerman; John Hochstetler; Pam Mohler, Family Support Chair; Sue Rochelle, Secretary; Tom Rochelle; Melody Sindel, Volunteer Coordinator; Ken Stafford; Eric Strouse, Vice President; Deb Thern; Chuck Wyatt, Site Selection Chair; Donna Wyatt, Treasurer; and Cal Yoder.



To date, the Holmes County affiliate has built 23 homes with 24 partner families using local volunteers. The owners of these homes are generating close to \$30,000.00 in real estate taxes per year in Holmes County. HFH of Holmes County is the only non-profit provider of owner-occupied housing for low-income families in our service area and is well known in the community. It creates partnerships with individuals, churches, businesses and foundations.

More information about Holmes County Habitat for Humanity can be found at www.habitatofholmescounty.org.