

Jane Ann, Jon and Dave Pawlik, on their way to school in 1967. Brothers Jon and Dave Pawlik donated the family home to Habitat in 2006, which was turned into a duplex.



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Mother's Gift Blesses 2 Families

"Mom's always been a helper," Dave Pawlik said of his mother, Beverly, while he and his wife were being interviewed in his St. Paul Park home. "Mom gave of herself to help my sister, who had debilitating MS, until she passed. About four months later, Mom got sick. Before she passed away, she made it known that she wanted to give her home to Habitat for Humanity to help another family."

Pawlik fulfilled his mother's wishes about 10 years ago when he, along with his brother Jon, donated her house to Habitat; but the story doesn't end there.

"Mom's house was small, maybe 900 square feet, and it wasn't in great shape," Pawlik said. "The house wasn't worth much, but the lot was, so I asked Habitat if they could build two houses,

one in memory of my mother, and one in memory of Jane Ann, my sister."

The original home was on a corner lot on a quiet street adjacent to several townhomes to the west, a trailer court behind, a park across one street and a cemetery across the other. "With the kinds of homes in the area," Pawlik observed, "putting in a duplex just made sense, but it still had to get rezoned and approved by St. Paul Park.

"It would have been easy to just take the lot and not worry about our wishes," Pawlik said, "but the folks at Habitat really respected our wishes and went to bat with the city to get the zoning changed."

It wasn't always a smooth process, but eventually the change was approved. The original home was torn down and a duplex was erected in its place.

Pawlik was pleased to hear that the families who bought each side of the duplex are still living there. "Mom would be proud," Pawlik said. "She and Jane



(Clockwise from top left) Jon, Dave, Jane Ann, and Beverly Pawlik.

Ann are buried about 300 yards from the duplex. Whenever we go to visit them, it's nice to see the house and the changes the new owners have made to the place. They're taking care of the place, so to us, that means they're respecting Mom's gift.

Dear Friends



On July 15, Minneapolis City Councilman Blong Yang (white shirt), Sue Haigh (right), and volunteers from General Mills helped raise a wall at a home on Newton Avenue North in Minneapolis. The event marked the 30th anniversary of Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity. Photo courtesy of Andrea Cole Photography.

What a beautiful summer for building!

We had great weather and an amazing turnout of volunteers for our 30th anniversary event celebrating our efforts to eliminate poverty housing here in the Twin Cities. Remember we need volunteers year-round, so please come back and help out again this fall or winter.

This anniversary is made ever more special each time I meet someone who, when they learn I work at Habitat, flashes a broad smile, shakes my hand, or gives me a big hug and tells me "I grew up in a Habitat home!" They go on to recount how hard their Mom or Dad worked to put in their sweat equity hours and how magical it felt for them as a child living in a home their family owned. What is really special is that they then tell me that they graduated from high school and went on to college,

are moving up in their own careers, own their own homes, and are raising their own families. I see how our daily work and your generous gifts combine to ripple across our region and grow exponentially greater with each generation.

When I meet the young families working toward buying their homes with Habitat today, I think of all the great futures we are making possible together. But I'm also reminded of the huge challenge that so many families in our community are facing: housing costs are rising much faster than wages. Working families are falling further and further behind as they try to provide a safe place for their kids to grow up.

This fact is driving the conversation at Twin Cities Habitat as we create our next Strategic Plan aimed at growing

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our homeownership program through the year 2020. We are seeking partners interested in changing the economics of affordable homeownership to ensure that more families can prosper here by owning their own homes.

Right now, the best way you can help is to make a gift today and support another family's dream of affordable homeownership. On behalf of all the families we partner with—thank you!

Warmly,

Sue Haigh

Results of Frogtown Neighborhood Revitalization Study

In 2011, at the request of Frogtown residents, Twin Cities Habitat joined Frogtown Focus, a community effort to improve a 16-block section of the neighborhood. In the wake of the housing crisis and in anticipation of the light rail Green Line, residents wanted a coordinated housing plan among developers. On top of committing to doing what it does well (building, rehabbing, and repairing homes), Twin Cities Habitat launched Neighborhood Revitalization work to improve the overall quality of life in Frogtown.

To measure the impact of this approach, Twin Cities Habitat conducted evaluations comparing neighborhood conditions in June 2011 and 2012 to those in June 2014. During that time, many organizations made housing investments in the focus area. Among them, Twin Cities Habitat built 4 new homes on empty lots, rehabbed 2 more, and completed 5 repairs projects. The organization also strengthened relationships with residents, adapted its



In June, 50 Habitat volunteers helped clean up alleys in Frogtown. Residents listed trash and dumping as issues they want help with from Habitat's Neighborhood Revitalization work.

work in response to community desires, and supported neighborhood initiatives.

Upon reviewing the findings, community partners made several recommendations, which are meant to inform conversations among stakeholders who are planning housing work in the area. Below are key findings and recommendations.

This study demonstrates the value of continued investment in Frogtown.

With many residents committed to the neighborhood, there is great opportunity to work together on the recommended actions. Twin Cities Habitat is committed to continuing to work with its partners in Frogtown, investing in housing, and helping address residents' concerns.

Find the full results of the study at tchabitat.org/frogtownfocus.

Key Findings of the Study

<i>Comparing 2011 and 2014</i>	<i>Recommendations for Action</i>
The number of vacant homes was cut, mostly through rehabilitation rather than demolition.	Continue work to rehabilitate and fill vacant homes.
The number of vacant lots increased slightly, because demolitions outnumbered new construction.	Create/update a coordinated plan for vacant lots.
Property conditions improved on some homes and declined on others. Paint is the most common repair need.	Improve repairs programs by streamlining application processes, increasing services to rentals, and focusing on specific blocks.
Overall resident satisfaction is high and most residents would prefer to continue living in this neighborhood.	Identify additional ways to make housing affordable and prevent the displacement of families.
Residents' favorite aspects were their homes or apartments, access to amenities, proximity to public transportation, and neighbors.	Build upon neighborhood assets and market these positive aspects of the Frogtown neighborhood.
Safety and litter/trash/dumping are the top concerns of residents and are most likely to impact overall satisfaction.	Increase efforts to impact safety and litter/trash/dumping issues.

Tournament raises \$148,000 to support Habitat mission

On a picture-perfect day, 128 golfers descended on the Minneapolis Golf Club for the Raise the Roof golf event, raising \$148,000 for Twin Cities Habitat—a big hit by any measure. The players enjoyed a great course, bid on wonderful silent auction items, and raised enough to cover primary sponsorship on almost 2 1/2 homes. Interested in playing in next year's tournament on August 1, 2016? Sign up at tchabitat.org/raisetherooft.



Pang Lor, Jeng Vang and Family

"This is what we need for our family," Pang Lor said to her husband Jeng Vang when she learned about the possibility of buying a home through Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity. "This program will provide a stable place to live."

Standing in front of their new home-in-progress, she still had difficulty believing it. "Who provides programs like this out there?" she asked. After researching Habitat and the home buying process, she and Jeng applied and were qualified.

On July 15, the home was the site for the official celebration of the 30th anniversary of Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity. Jeng and Pang got to meet Twin Cities Habitat President Susan Haigh, executives from the home's Keystone Sponsor General Mills Foundation, and Minneapolis City Council member Blong Yang. It was a celebration that impressed the pair and they enjoyed meeting all the dignitaries, but Jeng was anxious to get back to work completing the house. They're both anxious to move in.

Currently Jeng and Pang, along with their four young children, live with Jeng's father. "With our family and his father's family, there are 13 people living in the house," Pang said. "It's hard. There is no place to find privacy or quiet. My son says it's too loud and that he can't study. In our new home, he'll have his own quiet study space."

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One down, one to go for Women Build!

Women Build completed its 24th home this summer. Volunteers worked for 10 weeks on the home in St. Paul. Now they'll be starting on their 25th home in October. This time they're building in Minneapolis. You can be a part of Women Build by visiting tchabitat.org/womenbuild.



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Cargill retirees are still getting work done

Doing good, learning skills, having fun, and keeping busy—these were the shared reasons why a group of retirees from Cargill volunteer regularly with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity.

“Most of the time we’re out on building sites,” said Mike Lilly, “but we really love coming to the panel plant. It’s easy to see the progress we’re making, and that makes it a lot of fun.”

The panel plant is set up inside the Twin Cities Habitat warehouse in order to build the framing panels for new homes. A modified assembly line, the plant has three platform tables, each large enough to hold one entire wall section. The crews assemble wall sections and frame out doors and windows in the process. When a section is done, it’s stacked with other sections until every section for a new house is completed.

Chuck Crues started doing Habitat

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Chuck Crues

CARGILL SPICE CREW MEMBER

build days long before he retired. “It was different than being in the office,” he said. “It was nice to get out, meet some new people, learn new skills I could use in my own home, and do some good.” He said he continued volunteering after he retired for the same reasons.

Gene Moen listened in and added, “I got recruited to start building as soon as I retired. Now I look forward to volunteer days.”

Plant Supervisor Mike Ellison said, “We have two crews of regulars who are here every month, but most of the crews

are like these guys. They’re out on builds most of the time and two or three times a year they spend a day here.” He was quick to add that they could always use more volunteers at the plant. “I need volunteers year around. Without them, house builds would end up falling behind schedule.”

Watching Andy Byrne swing a hammer and drive home long nails in two or three swings, you’d think he was a professional carpenter. “I just like to build things,” he said. That seemed to be a shared sentiment with every member of the team. Building things, doing good, learning skills, having fun, and keeping busy was what brought them all to the panel plant and what drives them to be part of a regular crew.

Check out tchabitat.org/volunteer if you’d like to learn about becoming a regular crew member at the panel plant, on a build site, or with A Brush with Kindness.

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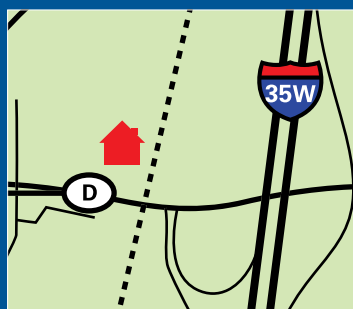
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