



Building houses, building hope

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To Whom It May Concern:

Over a year ago, Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity (RAHFH) took a leap of faith and applied to host the Blitz Home Builders (BHB) for an 8-day build.

It was one of the best decisions made by our board of directors.

BHB planning committee hosted monthly conference calls with our affiliate. Thanks to the calls, we had plenty of time to organize our committees and subcontractors so that we would be better prepared for the build. The BHB also shared tips and experiences from past builds that helped in our planning.

The real magic happened when the volunteers appeared on site. I can't express how well they worked together. Truly a well-oiled machine! An onlooker would have never guessed they only build together once a year. They have a tremendous sense of community and team. No job was too small or too large. All had to be done and done correctly.

We also appreciated how the BHB volunteers worked with our future homeowners and local volunteers. They patiently trained the homeowners on the various tasks and made an effort to include all volunteers throughout the event.

RAHFH staff, volunteers and the new homeowners are incredibly grateful for the time, energy and skills the BHB brought to Rockford, IL, June 18 – 26, 2009. BHB blessed us in countless ways. We wish them the very best on their future builds.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tonya Thayer".

Tonya Thayer
Executive Director