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2014 ANNUAL REPORT

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CtBS Empowers Oakwood High Students to Make a Difference

by Laura Connor

2015 marks my fifth year volunteering with my Oakwood High School students during the Catch the Building Spirit Blitz Week and my first year as a member of the CtBS board. I have been so grateful to the CtBS build team for allowing my students and I three full days on the build. Since becoming a member of the board in September, I have quickly become so impressed with all that goes on behind the scenes. The history of the CtBS' success is amazing. This year is the 23rd CtBS build with over 90% of donations going directly to the build.

My involvement with CtBS began when I chose to get involved in Oakwood High School's spring volunteer days. OHS requires all the members of the graduating senior class to complete

three days of community service with the goal of empowering these young adults with opportunities to make a difference in their community and help them develop skills and social competencies. From the first day that first year, our three days spent working with the CtBS build team far exceeded these goals.

My students and I love working on the house for many reasons. Upon returning to school, I often overhear them tell their classmates "we were treated as an adult" and "what we did really makes an impact." How true both of those comments are. The CtBS build team's patience and ability to work with my 17- and 18-year-old students is so remarkable. The team allows everyone to do "real work" while respecting their

individual comfort levels. Over the years, my students have learned how to install windows and doors as well as how to roof, caulk, frame and side. After our positive experience that first year, word of mouth made the CtBS build the desired volunteer opportunity during our senior service days: most years over forty students request to fill the ten volunteer spots.

As the weather finally warms up, I look forward for May to come and the building to commence and another set of students to benefit from the rich experiences the work site has to offer. The students come in ready to give their time and hard work, but finish the days taking home more than any of them ever expected.

Meet This Year's Partner Family

David and Christy Armstrong are originally from Columbus, Ohio. They moved to Dayton in June of 2011, after some family members became ill and were in need of extra help. After two years of living in substandard housing, they were trying to decide on whether they should transfer their jobs back to Columbus or to remain in Dayton. David and Christy contacted the Home-Ownership Association, and were given the number for Habitat for Humanity.

After being abandoned by her mother at a young age, Christy and her four younger sisters were put into the foster



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The David and Christy Armstrong family

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care system. As often happens with older children, Christy was never adopted and remained in the system until 18. She is still haunted by this heartbreak and works hard to keep her family together so that her children do not have to know the pain of separation. Christy exhibits strength and optimism as she sometimes still struggles with her childhood memories, though she works hard not to let them hold her back.

Christy has worked for the same fast food chain for the last twelve years and has moved up the ranks to shift manager. David once worked for a family owned electrical business until the doors closed for good. Currently, he is a stay-at-home dad, watching over and caring for the children. He says it was easier for him to care for the children than pay the costly daycare which would absorb all of their earnings.

Christy and David have four very bright children. The oldest son, David Jr., 14, likes to play football, basketball, and does well in his classes. Austyn,

12, loves to play sports like football, basketball, baseball, and joins all the school sport clubs. He has also competed in math and science competitions in Chicago and Cleveland and wants to be a lawyer when he grows up.

Cory, 9, loves math, computer technology, school and wants to be a doctor. Baylee, 4, is just starting pre-school. She loves to color and bake with her mom.

Both Christy and David agree the best part of the program is meeting and networking with other families. They believe the program has made it possible for them to be the parents they always wanted to be, and give their family everything they weren't able to have as children. "Many people tried to discourage us by saying that Habitat would not work for us, but we wanted to find out on our own," said Christy. "The skills acquired from construction and money management are helpful tools we can utilize going forward," says David. The Armstrong's are looking forward to raising their family in their new home.

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**Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
Year Ended September 30, 2014**

Cash Receipts		
Contributions		43,736.19
Investment income		303.13
Total cash receipts		<u>44,039.32</u>
Cash Disbursements		
Program services:		
Grants paid to Dayton Ohio Habitat for Humanity		<u>49,948.26</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Professional fees		605.15
Insurance		450.00
Other Expenses		<u>1,280.86</u>
		<u>2,336.01</u>
Fund-raising expenses:		
Newsletter		301.00
Office expense		<u>70.83</u>
		371.83
Total cash disbursements		<u>52,656.10</u>
Increase In Cash and Cash Equivalents		-8,616.78
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Beginning of Period		40,562.91
End of Period		<u>31,946.13</u>

Typical Cost to Purchase Materials (2015 Projected)

If you would like to help buy parts of the packages listed below to build our house, below are the typical costs to purchase the building materials.

Description	Total Dollars Required
1-joint package	\$1,169.00
Deck framing	\$1,346.00
Wall Framing	\$1923.26
Roof Trusses	\$1849.00
Felt and Exterior Insulation	\$1858.66
Silverline Energy Star	\$947.83
Exterior Doors	\$604.00
Wall Insulation	\$330.18
Vinyl Exterior Trim	\$2,822.05
Porch Post and Rail	\$547.95
Dimensional Shingles	\$1,878.88
Attic and Crawl Space Insulation Installed	\$1089.00
Primed Interior Trim	\$524.34
Primed Interior Doors	\$675.00
Wire Closet Shelving Material	\$142.00
Kitchen Cabinets and Tops	\$2,514.86
Satin Nickel Light Fixtures	\$555.92
4'x6' Side Treated Deck	\$362.09
10'x10' Shed Framing Package	\$887.49
10'x10' Shed Vinyl Siding	\$469.58

The total does not include excavation, foundation (concrete and masonry), paint, flooring tile, carpet, cabinets, counters, appliances, plumbing, heating and cooling systems, electrical supplies, landscaping, concrete (porch, driveway, sidewalk), licenses, permits, inspections and all labor for all these projects.

Help us make a real difference in someone's life!

Please pray for the success of the build and the safety of the builders!

Any help you can provide—volunteering your time and talent (skilled and unskilled) and donations (funds and materials)—will be greatly appreciated!

To volunteer or contribute, please fill out form and return to the addresses listed below. To volunteer to work on the house, you can register online at the Dayton Habitat Web site, www.daytonhabitat.volunteerhub.com.

We also have need for licensed plumbers, electricians and heating contractors, plus professional dry wall technicians. Parish liaisons, too! *Can you help?*

Please make your checks or money orders payable to: Catch the Building Spirit. If you would like to donate your talents to the next project, please fill out the form below and mail all contributions and/or forms to: Catch the Building Spirit, Catholic Social Action Office, 1436 Needmore Road, Dayton, OH 45414.

- Donation
- In-Kind
- Cash
- Check here if you wish to remain anonymous
- Volunteering to work at other tasks

Name _____
 Address _____ E-mail address _____
 Phone _____ Church _____

2015—The Year to Become Involved and Help Change a Family's Life



Catch the Building Spirit, Dayton Habitat House Build

To Sign Up to Volunteer On-Line Go to
www.daytonhabitat.volunteerhub.com

- Click the *sign-in* link at the top right corner.
- Already registered, log in, or else click the register button and complete the registration form creating a user name and password.
- Scroll to the CTBS/Presbyterian Build Dates
- Click the *sign up* box for the dates that you would like to volunteer.
- Follow the prompts to complete your registration.
- You will be sent a confirmation e-mail after registration and a reminder prior to the event.

**Questions?
Forgot login credentials?
Don't use the internet?**

Contact:

Dayton Habitat Volunteer Services Coordinator
Dave Mauch
937-586-0860 ext. 29
volunteer@daytonhabitat.org

Catch the Building Spirit 2015 Annual Meeting

Welcome All!

Please join us at the CtBS annual meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. in the CareSource room at Habitat of Greater Dayton, 115 W. Riverview Avenue, Dayton, Ohio.

The business meeting will include the budget, the election of officers and new board members, and other issues dealing with the build. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Come hear how things went this year and plan for next year.

For more information, call the John Belt at 937-554-8538.

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