

Habitat for Humanity of Wisconsin Annual Report 2012



Conference Plenary
Larry Gluth
Habitat for Humanity
International



Banquet Speaker
Gaby Chavez
HFH Honduras

Message from the Executive Director

2012 was a year of growth for HFH of Wisconsin, with the opening of our office, the addition of the Sustainable Building program, a Sustainable Building for Affordable Housing Event, and our first Advocacy training. And, we began work on a network of web sites to help connect affiliates and increase our online impact.

We also welcomed Liza Harville, our VISTA Leader, and Jason Maddox, our Recycling/Sustainable Building VISTA to the HFH of Wisconsin office, and placed 15 other VISTA members in affiliates throughout the state.

2013 is shaping up to be an exciting year for the Wisconsin State Support Organization! Look for more programming, training and fundraising events in support of our local Habitat affiliates. We're just getting started!

In partnership,

Sara Kierzek
Executive Director

“Many Roads Home” Volunteer Awards Banquet and Training Conference

More than 25 Wisconsin affiliates and over 200 Habitat staff, board and volunteers participated in HFH-Wisconsin's 2nd Annual statewide training conference, held in Madison on Monday and Tuesday, September 24-25th. This two day event kicked off on Monday with our first advocacy training event, culminating with visits to a number of our state legislators' offices to talk about Habitat and the need for affordable housing in our state. We also held our first VISTA training for all the VISTAs working in Habitat affiliates around the state, and for the SSO. Later that evening, we had the opportunity to honor our amazing and dedicated Habitat volunteers, especially those chosen as volunteers of the year by their local affiliates. One winner from each region of the state was announced; with special guest Larry Gluth, Senior Vice President, US & Canada for Habitat for Humanity International presenting the awards.

Tuesday began with an inspirational plenary address by Larry Gluth; then our participants had the opportunity to attend up to four of the 24 different workshops, offered on a wide variety of topics. A very special thank you goes out to all of our outstanding presenters, who generously volunteered their time and expertise to making the day a great success, and to the staff at HFH-Dane County and our Training Committee for all their help with organizing this event.

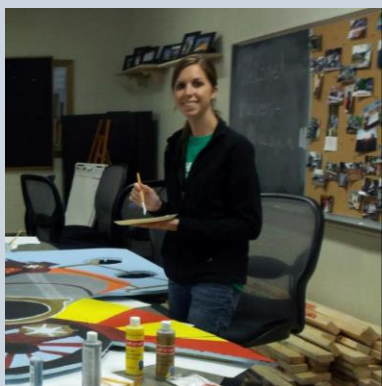
Planning is already underway for next year's conference!

2012 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Kerry Dietrich- HFH of Kenosha- Southeast Region
Char Goetsch- Lakeside Habitat- East Central Region
Tom Young- Door County Habitat- North East Region
Kathleen Sumrall- Monroe County Habitat- West Central Region
Larry Kytola – Wild Rivers Habitat- North West Region
Deb Schulman-Grant County Habitat- South West Region



VISTA member Svea Kastens, serving HFH of Sauk/Columbia Counties



LeeAnn Knutson, VISTA member at the LaCrosse area Habitat affiliate

VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA (VISTA)

2012 marked the first year of our Wisconsin Habitat VISTA program, as HFH-Wisconsin became a VISTA intermediary, writing the grant application, providing training and doing most of the reporting work so that local affiliates have easier access to the program. We've placed 15 VISTAs into affiliates throughout the state, working in fund development, volunteer coordination, outreach, public relations and recycling programs. In addition, we have a VISTA leader and a Sustainable Building/Recycling VISTA working statewide with the State Support Organization (SSO).

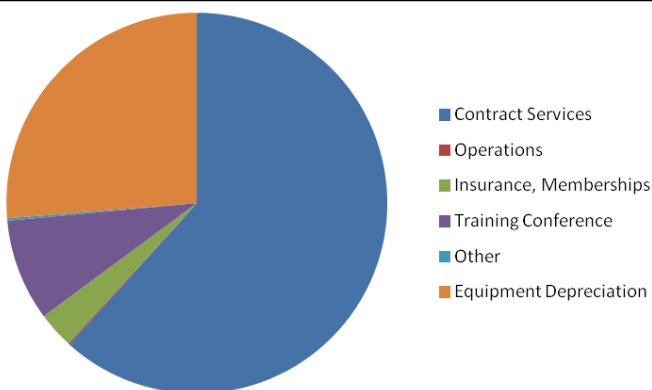
VISTA members volunteer to do a year of national service, helping organizations build capacity to lift people and communities out of poverty. VISTAs receive a small living stipend and an end of service education or cash award. Unlike AmeriCorps members, who are often seen at some of our affiliate work sites, swinging hammers and doing direct service, Habitat VISTAs help create or build programs and assist affiliates in making them sustainable, finding funding, recruiting and managing volunteers, establishing or strengthening relationships in the local community and getting the word out about the work of Habitat.

The VISTA program is a great fit for Habitat for Humanity, and we are so pleased with the impact our VISTAs are already making at participating affiliates and statewide! We look forward to expanding this program in the years to come, helping more of our affiliates build capacity and serve more low-income families.

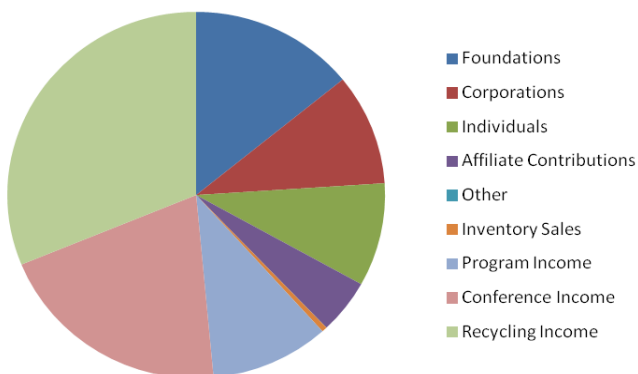
Sustainable Building Program

Building on the success of our Sustainable Building for Affordable Housing training this past winter, the SSO is now offering assistance to Habitat affiliates wanting to build in a more energy efficient, sustainable way. In addition to providing one-on-one consultations on house design, "green" building and construction site waste reduction, HFH-Wisconsin is partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota to offer webinars and teleconferences on a variety of sustainable construction topics. Contact Jason Maddox at (414) 517-9251 or jmaddox@habitatwisconsin.org.

HFH-Wisconsin FY 2012 Expenses \$55,130



HFH-Wisconsin FY 2012 Income \$64,302



Statewide Recycling Programs

2012 was a very successful year for our statewide recycling programs, which raised funds for many of our affiliates and the SSO, brought media coverage, drove new customers into our ReStores, and kept waste out of Wisconsin landfills.

Our affiliates and ReStores have recycled more than 3.5 million pounds of electronics, hundreds of HID lights, and many are now participating in our new cell phone and holiday lights recycling programs.

2013 will bring more recycling opportunities, and assistance with reducing waste disposal costs at our ReStores and affiliates.

Thank you to our Supporters

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