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FOUR YEARS LATER, LOCAL FAMILY GETTING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME

After about four years of preparation, a Uniontown family held the groundbreaking for their new home through Habitat for Humanity.

The house for Suzanne Anderson, her two children and their grandmother could be finished by November, said Jackie Shrum from the Fayette County branch of Habitat for Humanity.

"This is going to give me a chance to really begin," Anderson said on Friday.

The family's new home will be on Varndell Street in the city and will be handicapped-accessible, with four bedrooms and two bathrooms on one floor. Two of the family members are in wheelchairs, Shrum said.

The process started in 2006, when Brandi Szabo, a former employee of ARC of Fayette County, got to know the Andersons.

"There was a need for adequate housing, so we worked together (at ARC) to get the process started," she said.

The social-service agency paid the application fee for the Andersons, Szabo said, and staff members personally donated time on behalf of the Andersons at Restore, Habitat's store. As part of the process, families have to donate time to the process.

Depending on their ability to do so, Shrum said some families are required to put "sweat equity" into their home, meaning they give time building the home as part of the payment.

"This is a hand up, not a hand out," Shrum said.

The construction is being sponsored by Sandvik, which will bring employees from the United States and Canada to the area for one week to work on the house.

Szabo said ARC employees Brandi Carrigon and Sharon Carrigon, along with others there, really made an effort to help the Andersons.

"We're so happy to see it coming to fruition now," Szabo said.

Shrum said the Andersons house payments will be in the same neighborhood of what they're paying for rent. That rental has no bathroom or bedrooms on the main floor, making living difficult for wheelchair-bound family members, Shrum said.

Families qualify based on a need for decent affordable housing, income and other factors. They are chosen after submitting an application, which is reviewed by a selection committee, Shrum said.

Payments are based on how much it costs to build the home, divided over a 20-year mortgage, she said.

When the house is appraised, the additional amount is put into a mortgage that is in Habitat for Humanity's hands.

After 10 years, that additional amount is forgiven, Shrum said.

Anyone who would like to volunteer time, or donate items for the home can call Shrum at 724-437-4150.

Written by: Jennifer Harr, Herald Standard

In speaking with a representative from the Arc of PA. This is the final state version of the budget that will affect us.

	<i>Last year (FY09-10)</i>	Final Budget (FY10-11)	Difference Between What Governor Proposed February 9 th & Final Approved Budget June 30 th
Early intervention – birth to 3	<i>\$122,151,000</i>	\$115,700,000	-\$3,213,000
Early intervention – 3 to 5	<i>\$173,585,000</i>	\$182,142,000	-\$4,000,000
Special education	<i>\$1,026,815,000</i>	\$1,026,815,000	No change – flat funded
Segregated approved private schools	<i>\$98,098,000</i>	\$98,098,000	No change – flat funded
Intermediate units	<i>\$5,554,000</i>	\$4,761,000	-\$737,000
Private ICFs	<i>\$100,234,000</i>	\$103,365,000	No change (3.4% increase from FY09-10)
State Centers	<i>\$76,196,000</i>	\$77,351,000	-\$990,000 (still 1.5% increase from FY09-10)
Adult community autism	<i>\$19,463,000</i>	\$13,136,000	-\$5,465,000
Community - Base	<i>\$156,619,000</i>	\$167,102,000	-\$1,382,000 (still \$10,483,000 more than FY09-10)
Community - Waiver	<i>\$622,849,000</i>	\$637,474,000	+\$8,907,000 (added funds for estimated changing needs & restoration of 1% rate cut, BUT guts proposed new money for 50 adults for institution diversion and 100 young people leaving high school; original proposed also included new money to provide a full year of service to those brought into service half-way into last fiscal year)

But remember Governor Rendell’s complete budget is based on PA receiving 850 million dollars in federal supplemental funds. It has not passed as of this date. The vote last week was 3 short. PA does not have a contingency plan if PA does not receive these funds.

This budget does NOT include the 2 million proposed by the governor for the waiting list. This money that was proposed was inadequate to address the needs of people on the waiting list, and now with this money not included this crisis deepens for these families and consumers.

Deputy Kevin Casey quoted

“The thing we really have to be looking at now is the enhanced FMAP to make sure we don’t lose all or part of it. There is no question that PA will be affected if it does not come through.”

“Humor is about being able to laugh at yourself before anyone else can.

Enjoy all the funny parts of life, especially your own. Nothing says happy like laughing!”

WEBSITE

Our website is/has been updated by Laurie Watson. Thanks so much Laurie! Laurie will continue to make changes and deletions/additions to our website. Pictures, bios, etc. will be updated quarterly. **The newsletter will now be on the website. If you have access to a computer and would like to receive the newsletter, menu, etc through e-mail, please let us know.** We would hope to decrease the cost of postage. Please note trainings, specials events, the menu, closings, etc. will be posted on the website. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me, Nancy Davis.

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HOME AND COMMUNITY

The Home and Community Services Picnic was a huge success. I certainly enjoyed my neck massage by Sarah Fike, certified message therapist. Thanks to Rochelle Glover, her husband, Jim and children Courtney and Jeremy. Thanks to Lisa Friend's daughter Deja for the great nail work! Check out our pictures on www.arcfayette.org

LIVE COMEDY

Please remember our comedy show on July 16th. Joel Richardson Tickets are \$15.00 each. Please help make this fundraiser a success! Patti Jo Crawford is in charge of this fundraiser, please see or call her for tickets. Her e-mail address is pattijocrawford@hotmail.com

Happy Birthday!!

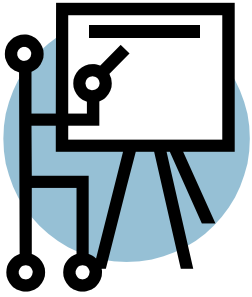
Individuals

Bill Z.— August 4
Michael W.—August 4
Jimmy S.—August 28

Staff

Amanda Rabon—August 16
Linda Moser—August 17
Debbie Sikora—August 18
Marva Crews—August 19
Marcia Turner—August 19
Nancy Davis—August 19

I wish all of you a hope and happy summer!!



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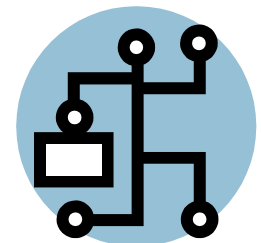
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