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*The Crawford Family gathered at the baseball field where Mr. Crawford coaches his son's All-Star Team. Their home can be seen in the background.*



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## A Habitat for Humanity Partner Story

The Crawford family fell on hard times as the state's economy teetered. But they actually say they're better off for having gone through the struggle.

It was a little more than two years ago when Jenny Crawford walked in to my office inquiring about criteria for Habitat for Humanity partnership. She eagerly took the housing application and within a few days was back in the office with application complete. After reviewing the Family Selection Committee recommendation was made to the Board to approve the Crawford's for a Habitat home.

The Crawford Family had been struggling with cramped housing issues and also a foreclosure in their past. In 2007 the family walked away from a home they could no longer afford and moved north "to start over and make life new." The family shared a three bedroom home owned by Jenny's Dad, one room for the couple, one for the girls and one room that housed all five boys. The tight quarters and financial stress put yet more strain on Ken and Jenny's marriage. Ken was taking any work that he could find and at one point the entire family was pitching in with odd jobs around their church, Jenny being the glue that was holding the family together. As Ken began to get more work the family was able

to move in to a rental home with more space. But it was then that a final blow hit the family, two year old Harmony was diagnosed with cancer. At the time that the Crawford's Habitat home was being built, Harmony was seeking chemotherapy and spent many months in Grand Rapids for her specialized care. The family still managed to put in over a thousand hours in "sweat equity" in their new home.

The family closed on their home in June of 2010. Harmony is now in remission and looking every bit the picture of health. Ken and Jenny's marriage improved as they worked through tough medical choices for their little girl. "I think that we've undergone a complete overhaul with every area of our life," says Jenny Crawford. "If you can survive what we've been through, I think you can survive anything."

They have embraced the Pellston community; the people of Pellston raised money for the family expenses related to Harmony's illness, and there were many prayers. The school trades program built the new family home through Northwest MI Habitat for Humanity, and they have formed many new friendships. For the first time, Jenny Crawford says she feels at home. ↔

## Northwest Michigan Habitat year end update

Fall is in the air and leaves are already beginning to turn. Our local affiliate is busy with the final completion of our Pellston home, rehab in Pellston and two new builds starting in Alanson and East Jordan. We continue to serve families in our communities with safe, decent and affordable homes as well as keeping with Energy Star certification for sustainability. Habitat for Humanity has been named the 6th largest builder in the U.S., that is quite a feat and to think of so many families served.



*Groundbreaking for Celeste Bondie and her three daughters in Alanson, surrounded by State Representative Frank Foster, Board members and a host of volunteers!*

Our local ReStore is bustling and continues to generate revenue that allows us to double our build capacity and at the same time recycle building materials and household goods that would have otherwise ended up in our landfills. We offer many volunteer opportunities at our ReStore as well as for our builds.

I hope to be traveling to Haiti in November where our affiliate tithe has gone in the past several years. I will be working along with many others from around the World and building homes with Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalyn. In the years that our affiliate has been in existence we have served 29 families locally and have funded 14.8 builds internationally! We can not do this alone; we have been blessed with the generosity of individuals, businesses, foundations, organizations and churches in our community. We have continued our mission through good times and bad; our faith holds true! We have many families yet to serve to eradicate sub standard housing! Through your continued support our affiliate shall grow to strengthen families and community!



*The Crawford Family Home*

In Christian Partnership,

*Mary Margaret Hornbaker*

*Executive Director  
Northwest Michigan  
Habitat for Humanity*

*Megan Smith and her daughter, Adriaahna at their recent groundbreaking in East Jordan.*

*This build is being sponsored in part by "The Tools of Faith", a group of churches from Charlevoix County. Of course many hands make light work and everyone is always welcome to help with Habitat's building efforts!*



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