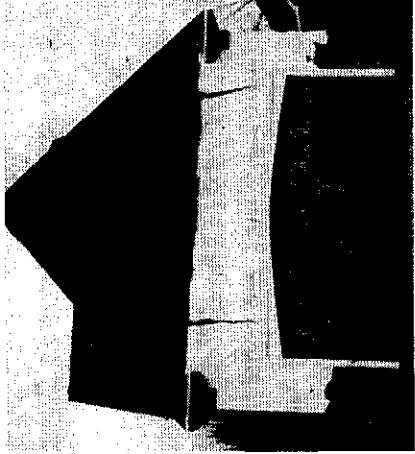


The Housing Partnership

of The Fox Cities, Inc.

Winter, 1997

A Home from a Garage



....before....

Our most recent undertaking converted this garage into a three bedroom home. The original property was a double lot including a house and this garage. In 1996, the Housing Partnership renovated the home (we even re-roofed the tree house) and added a new garage. The garage was left, and, as it stood, it was hard to envision as a house! But it became a beautiful three bedroom home.

This effort was the work of many people. The City of Neenah financed the purchase of the home through the Community Development Block Grant program. Second, community members donated time and materials in the completion of the project. Donated materials included the

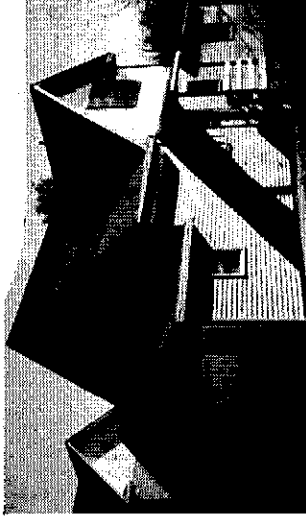
windows, doors, paint, wallpaper, kitchen cabinets, plumbing fixtures, carpeting and lumber.

Our crew of retired volunteers and award-winning Wisconsin Conservation Corps crew were instrumental in providing the labor for the project. And, it took the vision of Jim Wenner to make the project happen.

Many community businesses contributed by offering materials or labor at reduced or no cost. It is truly the work of many people.

Both homes on the property have been sold through our affordable home ownership program. Two families now have wonderful homes at an affordable price because of the work that was done on the property.

THANKS to all who contributed!



....after....

New Executive Director

With the new year, David J. Swender accepted the challenge of guiding our organization through the next few years as our Executive Director.

Dave came to us from Aid Association of Lutherans where he worked for 33 years, most recently as the Vice President for Market Research and Planning. Dave is a long-time resident of Appleton and has been active in community organizations for many years. He was involved in the formation of Fox Valley Unites and has served in leadership roles in his church community.

After his first few months, Dave commented on the complexity of the organization and the variety of his job responsibilities. His first impressions are that: "While I'm still on a pretty fast learning curve, I find the work exciting, as well as challenging. But the thing that is most apparent is the dedication of staff, Board and our volunteer workers to the mission of the Housing Partnership. What has been accomplished with limited resources since HP was founded is very impressive. But as important as 'bricks are mortar' are, we must never lose sight that our real purpose affects people who are in need of affordable housing".

Dave has his hands full getting to know the organization, getting acquainted with staff, Board and Committee members, and the families we serve. We welcome him in his new role in our organization.



David J. Swender, Executive Director

Many Thanks

Thank you to all who have contributed in the last six months to the Housing Partnership:

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WCC Crew

We are proud of our Wisconsin Conservation Corps Crew. We are pleased to announce that the Housing Partnership's WCC crew won a *National Community Service Award* for the work that they have done for the Housing Partnership, the Fox River Area Girl Scouts and the Bubolz Nature Preserve.

The mission of the WCC is to do "work that significantly benefits the environment and public in the area of conservation, community development and human services". It provides training to crew members in these areas and strives to give them skills they can contribute to the community. Our crew is led by Connie Bruner, and does an outstanding job of contributing to this mission. Other people thought so to...so they were presented with a national award acknowledging their efforts. *Congratulations* to Connie and her 1995/96 crew including Ellen Enders, Mark Sprangers, Brian Conway, Ben Cleveland, Jesse Quarford, and Mark Kiar.

Speakers Bureau

Board and staff members are always happy to provide more information about the Housing Partnership. If your church or community organization would like to hear more, give us a call.

You can Help!

Would you like to get involved in what we do? There are many opportunities to contribute to our activities. For example, you can:

- *contribute your time* in the *renovation of the properties*. This can be a one time commitment by a group or organization or a regular commitment. Your organization could consider "adopting a house", providing volunteer and financial support.
 - *contribute financially* to our organization. We depend on individual and corporate contributions to fund our activities.
 - *contribute materials* to our homes. We try to recycle as many materials as we can, and we appreciate your contributions. Keep in mind that we always renovate homes to be as energy-efficient as possible, so we cannot use things that do not contribute to this goal. Give us a call if you think you have something to contribute.
 - *serve on one of our committees or assist in the office*. Committees include resource development, family selection and property selection. We can always use help in our office, with special projects (like mailings and Open Houses) or on a regular basis.
- We would love to welcome you to our "crew" of volunteers! Call us if you are interested.

....Wanted....

Rehab Manager

We are looking for a full-time Rehab Manager to direct the renovation of our homes. The Rehab Manager works with our WCC Crew, retired volunteers, and other volunteers to renovate our homes. This individual designs the layout of the homes and plans the renovation process. If you are interested or if you know that special person to fill this position, please call our office at 731-6644.

Wish List

We are always on the lookout for tools and equipment (it doesn't have to be new). Right now, we are in special need of:

- a pick-up truck,
- scaffolding, any amount,
- 24 ft. fiberglass extension ladder,
- 3/8" portable battery operated drill,
- new tires for Ford Truck,
- Bench Grinder, and
- Basic reference books-(electric, plumbing, or carpentry).

If you know of somewhere we could obtain any of these items, please give our office a call.

Board Announcements

We are pleased to have four new Board members. John Hines, Cathie Tierney, Stevie Schmidt and Philip Peck all agreed to lend their insight and experience to our organization. Dr. John Swanson has agreed to serve his second term as President of our Board.

James Baumbach
James Bork
Patricia Ehaney
William Geenen
John Hines, Jr.
Candy Kinser
Harvey Lorenz
James Miron
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