



Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh Appoints New Executive Director

March 22, 2011 - Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh, the local Habitat affiliate, has announced the appointment of its new Executive Director. Andrew Wilson was selected for a full-time appointment by the Board of Directors to lead in the growth of Habitat Oshkosh.

Tim Hess, Habitat Oshkosh's Board President, knows that Andrew was a great fit because of his compassion and management expertise. "We are very pleased to have Andrew Wilson join us at Habitat Oshkosh," said Tim Hess. "I am excited to see the new endeavors that he will lead the current Habitat team into in the coming years".

Most recently Wilson led the expansion of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Appleton district as the Executive Director for more than three years. Previously, he was living abroad in Guatemala where he created project management programs for both the local municipal governments and the central Guatemalan planning department.

In addition to a Master's degree in Nonprofit Management, he also brings with him years of nonprofit experience that range from healthcare to youth programming to volunteer organizing. Wilson has a commitment to fighting poverty and to community organizations, illustrated by his involvement on the board for a Menasha-area nonprofit.

Wilson's goals at Habitat for Humanity of Oshkosh include creating a heightened recognition and presence of Habitat Oshkosh and of the Oshkosh ReStore. "Through collaborative partnerships in Oshkosh, I plan to increase the number of adequate and affordable housing opportunities available in the Oshkosh area" Wilson stated. "These partnerships would increase potential homeowner applicants and increase available funding and land." He looks forward to increasing family support opportunities for Habitat homeowners during the length of their home ownership.

Wilson's ultimate goal is to increase community support for the Oshkosh Habitat affiliate. Through personal contacts with area agencies, donors and community members, he plans on creating an awareness of the need for adequate affordable housing in the Oshkosh area. He will increase outreach to the community to grow the capabilities to increase the number of homes that are built each year. By strengthening support to Habitat homeowners and from the community, Habitat will provide more than just homes but a true partnership with the community.

Looking forward Andrew Wilson is excited to lead Habitat Oshkosh into new endeavors. "I'm very excited to be able to apply my passion for social justice and poverty to my work with Habitat Oshkosh. I'm a dedicated person to the cause, and the prospect of just how far we can grow to make a real positive impact in the Oshkosh area is quite amazing."