

### This Year's Top Donators of Money

- Traveler's Insurance
- Elmira-Corning Board of Realtors
- Valu Home Center
- Gingerbread House
- McDonalds Construction

### Great Volunteers!

- Rob Fell-DeWalt of Foor & Assoc
- Rinwalske Towing
- Scott Cornell
- Traveler's Insurance
- Gerry, Phil, Gaylord, Ken Jerry, Skip and Dick!

### Special Gifts from:

- Chapels Lumber
- LOWES

### Special Thanks to:

- Town of Southport
- Chemung County
- Chemung County Board of Health
- Elmira Water Board
- Catholic Charities
- Bethany Village
- Realty USA
- Quicker Printer
- Scott Cornell
- Todd Webb
- Osterhaut Family
- Judith Nelson



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### Meet the Kleinschmidd Family



Krstin & Madelyn Kleinschmidd were about to loose their home of 4 years, as the owners who were renting it to them, decided they needed it back for themselves. Krstin sought the help of Habitat

for Humanity and the timing was perfect. She easily met the "ability to pay" guidelines set forth by the Chemung County affiliate and will soon be paying nearly \$200 less per month than she was when she was renting. She and 'Maddy' will be moving into their new home just in time to celebrate the Christmas Season. She along with a team of workers from Traveler's Insurance have just finished repainting the inside of the house from the kitchen to the bedrooms in preparation for her move in date. Both Krstin and Madelyn have also spent time cleaning up the landscape around the house. Madelyn is and will continue to attend school at Broadway where she is an excellent student. Krstin says, "*Madelyn can't wait to put up the Christmas Tree in their new home*". Merry Christmas Kleinschmidd Family!

### President's Corner

During this Holiday Season, I'd like to wish every single Volunteer, Donator, Family Member, Board Member, Sponsor, and everyone else involved with Habitat for Humanity here in Chemung County and around the World a Very Joyous and Merry Christmas, a Very Happy Hanukkah as well as a Very Healthy, Very Prosperous and a Very Happy New Year!

*~ Steve Johnson*





# A Brush With Kindness



## EXTERIOR HOME REPAIRS FOR LOW-INCOME HOMEOWNERS

### Does your Home need “A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS”

The Chemung County Habitat for Humanity has launched a new program called “A Brush With Kindness”, to provide exterior home repairs to qualified low-income and hardship homeowners. Repairs include, but are not limited to: painting, landscaping, and other minor repairs.

#### HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Interested homeowners must be able to demonstrate:

- Proof of ownership and residency in the **Chemung County**
- Financial need. This program is for low-income households earning less than 80% of area median income. See eligibility grid below

NO. OF PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD	1	2	3	4	5	6
80% GROSS INCOME LIMITS	24,800	28,400	31,900	35,500	38,400	41,200

**A Brush with Kindness** is a partnership that relies on Homeowners involvement. If selected to Partner with A Brush with Kindness, Homeowners must be willing to:

- Be on site and willing to work in various capacities everyday the volunteers are there during ABWK
- Must stay in home after repairs for at least 3 years
- Sign a covenant that demonstrates their understanding of partnership.

Home Repairs are led by trained crew leaders and completed by Habitat for Humanity volunteers.



#### HOW TO APPLY

Homes are selected throughout the year and are based on family circumstances, condition of the home and financial qualification.

If you qualify, please submit an application. They are available online at: [www.chemungcountyhabitat.org](http://www.chemungcountyhabitat.org) and click on “A Brush With Kindness”

or e-mail: [ABWK@chemungcountyhabitat.org](mailto:ABWK@chemungcountyhabitat.org) to receive an application by mail.

Applications are processed year-round and are done so immediately upon receipt. Program deployment hinges on funding and volunteer availability.