

# WOMEN AT WORK

## White Rock Habitat project part of Women Build Week

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WAUKESHA — Women from American Transmission Company, Liberty Financial and Tempo Waukesha worked on building the first floor and walls of the homes on the west side of White Rock Avenue on Wednesday as part of Habitat for Humanity's National Women Build Week with Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha County.

"We're progressing nicely since Tuesday," Andy Vechart, construction manager, said. "They're doing real well with the construction."

Vechart said the volunteers for Women Build Week will complete the second floor and the walls of the second floor this week.

"We work rain or shine," Jessica Bauer-Phipps, resource development and marketing director, said.



American Transmission Company volunteer Tiffany Figliuzzi works on finishing the first floor on Wednesday.

Even with the sporadic rain on Tuesday, construction continued.

"We worked right through it," Bauer-Phipps said. "It was a little cold and chilly but they were able to get a lot done through the whole day."

Along with volunteers, crew members include staff from Habitat Waukesha.

"An event like this is all hands on deck, we use everybody. I'm out here too in the morning for a bit," Executive Director Diane McGeen said. "It's really neat because even though this is not an experienced crew on site this week, we're still getting a lot done."

Volunteer Kristy Rupprecht with American Transmission Company helped build on Wednesday.

"I didn't realize Habitat was faith-based and they did a prayer at the front end and that was really cool," Rupprecht said.

Simon and Teresa Arcos, homeowners through Habitat Waukesha, were also volunteering Wednesday. The Arcos family lives in a house that was purchased by Habitat Waukesha on White Rock Avenue.

"They weren't looking for a house and when we bought the house they were living in we realized it wasn't in very good condition," McGeen said.

When Habitat Waukesha told the family they would have to move, McGeen suggested that the family apply to become homeowners.

"Each of them have to put in 250 hours of sweat equity and since their house (on Ryan Street) was already under construction, they were looking for opportuni-



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Volunteer Kristy Rupprecht with American Transmission Company works on the first floor of one of the buildings on Wednesday as part of Women Build Week.



Construction of the buildings on the west side of White Rock Avenue continues to progress with the help of women volunteers from American Transmission Company, Tempo Waukesha and Liberty Financial Group as part of Women Build Week along with other volunteers.

ties and this is right next door to them," McGeen said. "It's awesome," Simon Arcos said. "We're excited.

Our kids too, they're excited to have a new home."

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