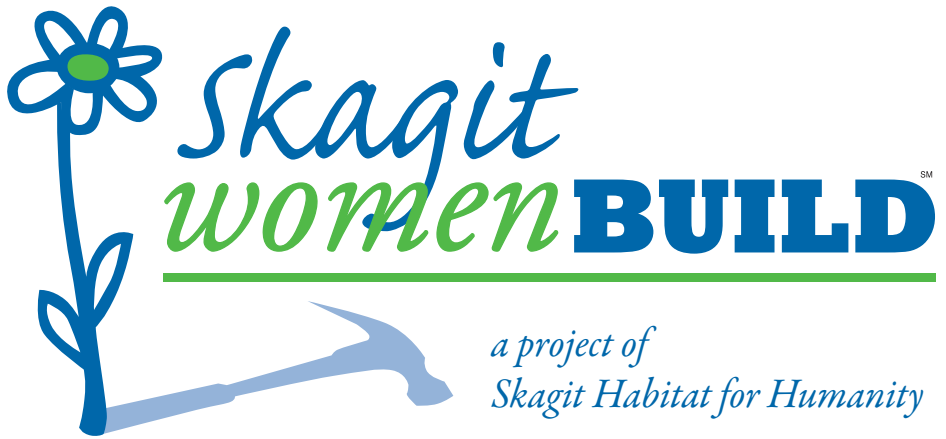


Each winter in Skagit County women and children go without heat because they don't have enough to pay the rent and the bills

Nearly 13% of women live on incomes below the poverty line.

In 2005 the Concrete School District estimated that nearly 24% of their students lived at or below the poverty line.



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5:30 - 7:30 pm - Wednesday, February 20, 2008
Foothills Toyota, Burlington

There's a truffle with your name on it, and we can't promise that we'll save it if you're late.

Invite a friend or two and join us for a chocolicious event at Foothills Toyota celebrating Women Build. Feed your cravings with chocolate desserts, chocolate wines even chocolate martinis.

Pam Nelson, the owner of Foothills

Toyota, and lead donor, has graciously opened the showroom floor to support Women Build.

The free event will have a short program about Habitat for Humanity, Women Build and our progress so far. Everyone is invited to attend, learn and stand with the many women of Skagit Valley on this first-ever project.

Grocery Check stand Donation Drive

It's as easy as buying bananas.

Cost Cutter ~ Burlington
Thrifty Foods ~ Anacortes
Thrifty Foods ~ Mount Vernon
Thrifty Foods ~ Sedro-Woolley

From February 8 - March 1, these Brown & Cole stores in Skagit County are participating in a fund raising drive for Women Build.

It's simple. As you go through the check stand, the checker will ask if you would like to add \$1, \$5, \$10 or whatever you wish to your total. 100% of the donations will go to Women Build.

Thank you Brown & Cole for teaming with Women Build through this campaign.

Hands-On Training

Power Tools and Safety
February 26 . 6 pm
Check web site for more info
Lowes, Mount Vernon

On-site Training
Saturday, March 1 ~ 8.30 am
928 S. 4th Street , La Conner

Leadership Gifts

~ Over \$10,000 ~
Anonymous Donor
Cascade Lumber

~ \$5,000 ~
Boeing Employees Credit Union
Fisher & Sons, Inc.
Pam Nelson, Foothills Toyota
Janicki Industries ~ Lisa Janicki
Seven Sisters, Inc. ~ Skagit State Bank
Skagit Community Foundation
First Horizon Home Loans

~ \$1,000 - 4,999 ~
Cheryl Bishop ~ Ginny Bode
Donna Rowell ~ Midge Taylor
Sedro-Woolley Soroptimists
Don Wick ~ Stephanie Wood

~ \$500 - \$999 ~
Anderson Electric
Mary Kay Richter
Bank of America Matching Gift
Bev Harrington
Consumer Rentals
Mount Vernon Rotary Club
Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club

~ \$499 and Under ~
Lou Ann Reed ~ Vonnie Jenkins
Elizabeth Evans ~ Darla Henning
Fidalgo Bay Coffee ~ Elinor Nakis
North County Bank ~ Marlene Wegner
Jay Kaemingk ~ Dana Andrich
Daphne Ruxton ~ Bonnie Bowers
Debbie Davis ~ Kay Martin
Susan Glesne ~ Cristal Spidell
Joann Knapp ~ Debbie Davis

Mark your calendar--

**TAPESTRY
AMERICANA**
American Folk Collection
Cantabile Concert

Saturday, March 29, 2008
Bethany Covenant Church

A freewill offering will be taken.

Get your church group involved—

and we're not talking about making jello salads and knitting pot holders.

Since Habitat was founded, church groups have been involved. By stepping forward to make adequate housing a matter of conscious action, churches have made a difference in communities around the world.

We need your help in reaching churches around Skagit to tell them about the Women Build project and ask for their support. Every church works differently, so it helps if a member acts as an “advocate” for the cause.

If you want to get your church group involved, but don't quite know what to do, we'd be happy to visit your group and talk about fun ways to get involved.

To help get the word to your church-- by placing announcements or putting up posters-- or organizing a group, please contact Jodi Carkner at 360-873-8105 or carkners@comcast.net



Any Group is Welcome... Gardening groups, arts guild, book clubs--- join with the women of the valley and figure out a way to help. Call Jodi at 360-873-8105 or email carkners@comcast.net.

What's Happening Next...

From Stephanie Wood, Women Build Board President

I am pleased to report that we are nearing our goal of raising \$100,000 prior to breaking ground on the Women Build house. We hope that our two “events” in February--the Chocolate Extravaganza and the Check Stand Donations at Thrifty Foods will bring us the rest of the way to our goal. We plan to raise the remaining \$30,000 once building is underway.

The goals of the last 6 months became very real for us this past week, when Michelle Fuller was selected to be the homeowner of the first Skagit Women Build house. Since last fall, Michelle has been putting in “sweat equity” hours to qualify for the program. Several members of the Board have become acquainted with Michelle and her two daughters, as they have worked on Habitat projects and helped Women Build with fund raising. We are pleased to team up with Michelle and happy to make home ownership a reality for a family so deserving. With fund raising underway, acquiring

a piece of property for the home has become our most immediate goal. We are currently looking at a potential site, but are unsure if it will be affordable at the end of the short plat process or if the permitting of the lot can be complete by the time we are ready to build. Many thanks to Sound Development Group for donating their time to help us through this process.

Until we find and secure a lot for the home, we welcome anyone with a lead on an affordable piece of property (\$0 ~ \$60,000) to contact us. You would have our overwhelming gratitude.

The effort by so many wonderful women is getting closer to becoming a reality with each goal reached, and I am so happy to be a part of it. Please consider becoming a part of this group by donating your volunteer time or by making a cash contribution to a great cause.