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# Habitat's 38th home dedicated

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Delaware County Habitat for Humanity gathered recently to dedicate its 38th house to the Moore family.

The house, located at 125 S. Liberty St., Delaware, was part of the Apostles Build II project, in which 36 Delaware County congregations and organizations joined to provide financial and prayer support, as well as construction volunteers.

The three-bedroom, 1,200-square-foot house's inhabitants are Franklin and Bernice Moore and their granddaughter Mya. It was built in a record 90 days, Habitat Executive Director Harry Pape said.

"I never expected to be able to purchase a Habitat home," Franklin Moore said. "We were truly blessed to have all the churches and volunteers help us. It's a great location and we couldn't be happier. We're so grateful to everyone."

Franklin Moore is retired after serving 35 years as a general laborer in Delaware, but continues to give back to the community as an active volunteer. He is a member of the board of directors of Common Ground Free Store

Ministries, Concerned Citizens Against Homelessness and Family Promise. He also is chairman of the deacon's board at Second Baptist Church.

His wife, Bernice Moore, is a minister at Agape International Cathedral in Delaware. She retired from Liberty Community Day Care Center after 25 years as a day care provider.

The Moore's Habitat PAL, or partner, advocate, liaison, Bonnie Ristau said watching the house come together has been quite a journey.

"It has been such a blessing to walk this journey with them, and to watch them become owners of this beautiful home," Ristau said. "This family has given so much to this community," she continued. "I can't think of anyone more deserving."

Apostles Build II sponsors included: Asbury United Methodist Church, Bellepoint United Methodist Church, Central Community Baptist Church, Delaware Area Career Center, Emerson Network Power-Liebert Services, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Glen Oak

Elementary School, Grace United Methodist Church, Philip Hake Builders, Harlem Road United Methodist Church, Joeann Phipps, Liberty Presbyterian Church, Ohio Wesleyan HFH campus chapter, Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Otterbein College HFH campus chapter, Otterbein Cardinal Philanthropy Colloquium, Powell United Methodist Church — Morning Glory Circle, Second Baptist Church, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Mary Catholic Church and St. Vincent DePaul Society, Sunbury United Methodist Church, Micki Warner Memorial Gifts, Westerville Habitat Partnership (comprised of six churches and Columbus Academy), William Street United Methodist Church and Foundation, Willow Brook Christian Communities and Zion United Church of Christ.

Delaware County Habitat for Humanity completed its first Apostles Build home at 18 Neil St., Delaware, in 2008.

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