

## Pathfinder Community Connections and Huntington Habitat For Humanity Partner

Pathfinder Community Connections, the Community Development division of Pathfinder Services, and Huntington County Habitat for Humanity have partnered to help families in Huntington County.

On Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Beth Stevens, Family Self Sufficiency Coordinator for Pathfinder Community Connections, John Niederman, President of Pathfinder Services, Inc., and Steve Miller, Executive Director for the Huntington County Habitat for Humanity announced the partnership.



*left to right: John Niederman, Karrie & Emma Schemansky, Steve Miller & Beth Stevens*

The Huntington County Habitat for Humanity has a home that is now going to be used for Pathfinder Community Connection's Transitional Housing Program. Until this time the division had rented an apartment at Cedar Run apartments.

“By forming this partnership, we are hoping the gap from homelessness to homeowner will be a complete continuum,” stated Stevens from Pathfinder Community Connections. “When the family enters our Transitional Housing program we will work with the family as we always have, but after 12 months we will begin the process of transitioning our families to homeowners. The family would not purchase the home they are living in, but would work toward becoming a Habitat partner homeowner building and purchasing their own home. in the Huntington Community.” Stevens concluded.

“Habitat is excited about this opportunity to partner with Pathfinder. This an opportunity for the two agencies to focus and coordinate their resources and expertise to make a major impact in a homeless family's life and future.” Stated Steve Miller Executive Director of Huntington County Habitat for Humanity.

“Habitat's mission around the globe is to end substandard housing and homelessness. Often though homeless families have no or limited income and legal debt that makes it impossible for even Habitat to be able to close their unique Zero interest, no profit mortgage that make the homeowners house payments under 30% of their household income. This partnership strengthens both agencies efforts and impacts in our community”

For more information on Pathfinder Community Connections, please contact Beth Stevens at Pathfinder Community Connections at (260) 356-0521 or e-mail Beth at [bstevens@pathfinderservices.org](mailto:bstevens@pathfinderservices.org).

Pathfinder Community Connections is the community development division of Pathfinder Services and was created in 1997. Pathfinder Community Connections guides potential home buyers through the entire process of pre-purchase education, loan packaging, closing on the home, post purchase counseling, and when in need foreclosure prevention. Pathfinder Community Connections can be found online at [www.cchomes.org](http://www.cchomes.org) and has provided over \$9.7 million in down payment assistance to over 1,300 families since 1997.

Huntington County Habitat for Humanity Inc. is the local Affiliate Habitat for Humanity International, Inc. We are a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian ministry founded on the conviction that every man,

woman, and child should have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. We build with people in need regardless of race or religion. We welcome volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds to join our efforts end substandard housing and homelessness in our community and around the globe. For more information on Habitat's Affordable Homeownership program, call 356-7425.