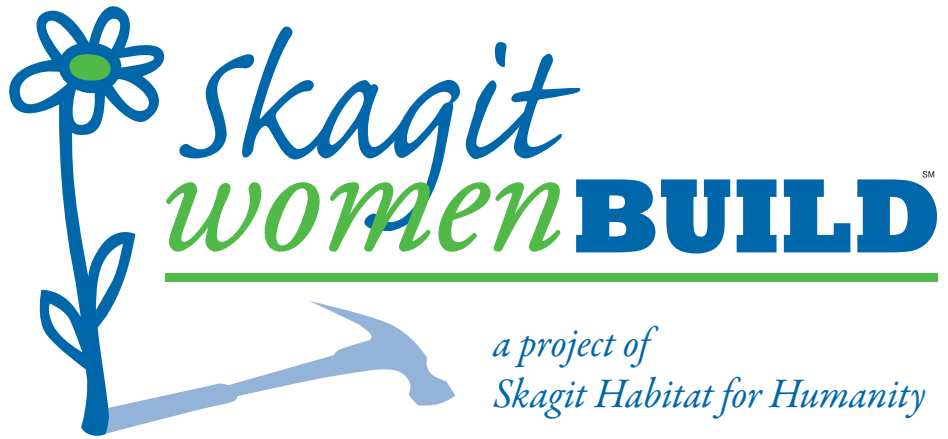


Each winter in Skagit County women and children go without heat because they don't have enough to pay the rent and the bills

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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**Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, April 3,  
6 pm at the Fisher & Sons Conference  
Room, 625 Fisher Lane, Burlington



**7:30 pm • Saturday, March 29, 2008**

**Bethany Covenant Church**

**1319 South 18th Street • Mount Vernon**

Cantabile of Skagit Valley will hold their spring concert to benefit Skagit Habitat for Humanity's Women Build project. The concert, free to the public will feature American favorites such as *Camptown Races; Down in the Valley; the Battle Hymn of the Republic and When Johnny Comes Marching Home.*

A free will offering will be taken to benefit Skagit Habitat for Humanity's Women Build Project.

"Skagit Women Build is pleased to team with Cantabile of Skagit Valley to present this concert as an official Tulip Festival event," said Stephanie Wood, Women Build Board President. "Tapestry Americana is about the pride we feel as people come from around the world visit the Tulip Festival."

Cantabile of Skagit Valley is conducted by Music Director and Co-Founder David Cross. Founded in of 2006, it is an auditioned non-professional ensemble of 20 balanced voices. "Cantabile" is an adjective meaning

songlike, or in a smooth, flowing, lyrical style. It is usually used as a musical direction for musicians to play or sing in a "Cantabile" style. Cantabile performs with warmth and flexibility and an added extra element of energy and dynamism.



Arlene Eastman and Sarah Johnson check the nails on the drywall during the WB work day at the LaConner home on Saturday, March 1.

**Women Build thanks these businesses and individuals for their donations.**

- \$10,000 and Over -

Anonymous Donor  
Cascade Lumber - Stanwood  
Lisa Janicki and Janicki Industries  
Pat Severin, Sound Development Group  
Salem Retirement Village

- \$2,500 - 5,000 -

Boeing Employees Credit Union  
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Fisher & Sons, Inc. - Skagit State Bank  
Skagit Community Foundation  
First Horizon Home Loans  
Nancy Williams and Chris Thompson,  
Seven Sisters, Inc.  
Mary Anstensen, Construction Unlimited  
Associated General Contractors

- \$1,000 -

Cheryl Bishop - Ginny Bode - Cascade Mall  
Consumer Rental - Bernadette Halliday  
Donna Rowell - Midge Taylor - Don Wick  
Sedro-Woolley Soroptimists - Stephanie Wood

- \$500 -

Anderson Electric, Inc. - Manny Gomez  
Bev Harrington - Horizon Bank - Mary  
Kay Richter - Sedro-Woolley Rotary Club  
Susie Spaeth - Mike and Dianne Crawford

- \$499 and Under -

Dana Andrich, Bayside Specialties, Bonnie  
Bowers, Susan Chiabai - Amelia & Anthony  
Cook, Debbie Davis, Barbara Dow, Liz Evans,  
Fidalgo Bay Coffee, Susan Glesne, Jenkins  
Family Trust, Jay Kaemingk, Joann Knapp,  
Lake McMurray Fire Dept-Women's Auxiliary,  
Kay Martin, Elinor Nakis, North County  
Bank, David & Sandra Olson, Lou Ann Reed,  
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Burgers and Brew, Anderson Appliance,  
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Lakeway Inn, Janet Kelly, J.A. Monteforte,  
Kymbr Self-Therapeutic Massage, Johnny Ca-  
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Melissa Shdo, Diane Miller, Christine  
Miller, Stephanie Hooper, Jess Walker Wyse,  
Jeannette Briggs, Debra Fiscus, Elizabeth  
Miller, Maggie Potter, Gloria Butter, Gary  
Helm, Jacqueline Cress, Rita Hundahl,  
Becky Willis, Annabelle House, Gwen  
Halliday, Molly Cook, Kay Gordon

## Chocolate Extravaganza

*Chocolate, chocolate, chocolate... We thought we'd died and gone to heaven...*

Women Build held a info/fund-raiser on Wednesday, February 20. The event, hosted by Pam Nelson at Foothills Toyota, was a wonderful evening, featuring everything chocolate served with information about Women Build.

Shannon Shearer, mom of twin daughters and Habitat homeowner since 1999, gave a compelling talk on the value a permanent home has made for her and her daughters. Many people also met Women Build partner/homeowner

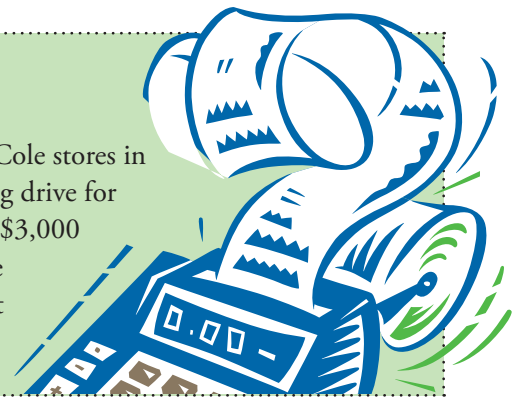
Michelle Fuller. Jayleea, Michelle's 5-year old daughter, said it was the "funnest night ever."

Besides being a lot of fun, the event raised awareness of WB's progress and brought nearly \$2,000 for the project.

Thanks to all who shared to make the event so great, including all the folks at Foothills Toyota, BMR Design, Consumer Rentals, Donna King Catering a'la King, Cork 'n Cellars and Melanie Griffith.

### Grocery Checkers Ring up Donations for Women Build

From February 8 - March 1 the Brown & Cole stores in Skagit County participated in a fund raising drive for Women Build. The four stores raised over \$3,000 for the project. Thank You to Sue Cole, the checkers and donors who made this project such a success.



## What's Next...

At the March Women Build Board meeting it was approved to move forward on the purchase of a lot in Sedro-Woolley. Pat Severin of Sound Development Group has donated the site development. It is expected that this process will take several months. Women

Build is hoping to break ground for the house in August.

Until then, we will have Women Build On-site Training at the Alexander Street Habitat House. Look for announcements of those opportunities throughout the summer.



Synergy Salon & Day Spa will be donating 10% of services in the month of April to Skagit Habitat For Humanity/ Women Build. When booking, please let them know you wish to participate. Space is limited, so call for an appointment--424-5055.

### Hands-On Training

*Rough Framing & Tool Training*  
presented by Mandy Dillard  
Lowe's · Mount Vernon

Tuesday, March 25 · 6 pm

RSVP to Sarah Johnson, 360 757-2072 or  
sarah.johnson@macerich.com  
Please come prepared with good shoes,  
gloves and safety goggles. You are welcome  
to bring your own tools if like, but this is  
not required as Lowe's will provide the tools  
needed for the training.

