

Sleeping Giant Build seeks sponsors

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HAMDEN - Sleeping Giant Build is looking for 100 businesses or individuals to contribute \$100 each to help build a house for a needy family.

Under the umbrella of Habitat for Humanity, Sleeping Giant Build is about to embark on its second house. The group needs to raise \$30,000 before they'll get the go-ahead to begin construction.

"We thought it would be a quick, easy, painless way to have a fundraiser," said Mike Healy, a volunteer with the organization.

Sleeping Giant Build is a local civic group that has been in existence for a couple of years and works with an all volunteer crew to both raise the money to build the house, then perform the actual construction, Healy explained.

"We pledge to raise the money we need," Healy said. "We need \$60,000 to build the house. They won't let us start until we have half of that."

The actual construction costs are estimated to be closer to \$120,000, but Habitat for Humanity provides the remaining \$60,000, Healy said.

"All the money we raise goes to build the house," Healy said.

Currently, Sleeping Giant Build is working on a house at 40 Edgecomb Street.

In implementing the fundraising program, Healy turned to the Hamden Chamber of Commerce and utilized its email eblast program, available only to members, as a means of getting the word out.

"We got a couple of pledges from that," Healy said. "A couple of people responded right away."

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Hamden Chamber President Nancy Dudchik explained that all members of the Chamber have an opportunity to promote their programs through the Chamber's database.

"Their organization is an amazing organization," Dudchik said of Sleeping Giant Build. "They

come to a lot of our events. They're very visible. They're a much-needed organization because they're doing so much to help."

For details on how to contribute, visit www.sleepinggiantbuild.org or call Healy at 203-233-0141.