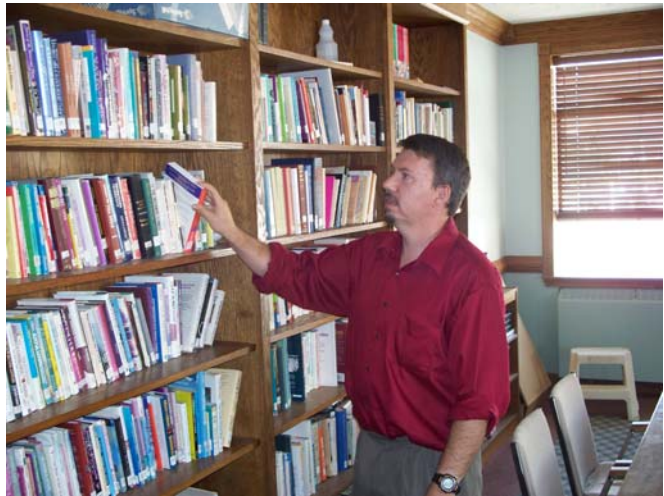


Director of Habitat for Humanity Recognized

Joe Rowe Receives “Excellence in Civic Engagement Award”

Everyone has different things that truly make them happy. For Joe T. Rowe, executive director of the Morehead Habitat for Humanity, it’s making a difference in a family’s life. Before getting his position in Morehead, Joe had plenty of experience with Habitat for Humanity.

Rowe was recently recognized for all his hard work by the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce and the MSU Center for Regional Engagement. He was awarded an “Excellence in Civic Engagement Award” for an individual in the community.



Joe found a love for helping people when first volunteering for Habitat for Humanity as a student at Berea College in Madison County. Upon graduation, he was hired by Habitat for Humanity as fund raising director for Pike County. In 2004, Rowe made his way to Morehead as executive director.

“To be at this position, you have to be a jack of all trades,” said Rowe.

His typical work day includes everything from answering e-mails to working on fund raising and grant writing. But most of the time, Rowe is out of the office working on home project sites at Humanity Hills in Morehead. You can find him there coordinating the build or lending a hand wherever it is needed. Full of humility, Rowe is quick to give others credit where it is due.

“We have an excellent Board of Directors and couldn’t do it without them,” Rowe said.

Under Rowe’s leadership, Habitat for Humanity recently completed phase two in Humanity Hills. This will allow nine to 10 more houses to begin construction. Two houses will be completed in October and another house will be completed later this fall.

“My motivation is providing a family with adequate housing and making an impact on a family you can see,” Rowe said.