

**GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH VOICES FOR JUSTICE  
ACTION ALERT – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2010  
Affordable Housing in Waukesha County**

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**BACKGROUND**

One of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching is Rights and Responsibilities. This principle reminds us that people have the basic right to life, food, shelter, health care, education and work. The right to good and safe shelter might be something we can take for granted. However, there are many among us who need our support and advocacy to lay claim to the same right. Here is an opportunity to learn more about this in our own county and what we can do.



There are not enough affordable homes in Waukesha County for the growing workforce, the county's aging population, and other members of our communities. The median price of a house in the county was \$260,000 in 2009.

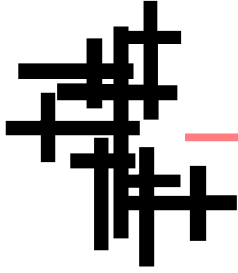
One solution to this problem is the creation of a housing trust fund. A county housing trust fund would provide annual revenue to help developers to fund the creation of more affordable homes. For more information, please visit the web site for the Waukesha County Affordable Housing Task Force, [www.affordablehousingtaskforce.org](http://www.affordablehousingtaskforce.org)

**ACTION**

Please call or e-mail your County Board Supervisor to voice your support for a county housing trust fund.

To determine who your supervisor is, click on the state voter public access site: <https://vpa.wi.gov/AddressSearchScreen.aspx?Language=en-us>

For Menomonee Falls supervisors, contact information is on the next page. A sample message also follows.



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**Sample message:**



As a Waukesha County resident, I urge you to create a housing trust fund in Waukesha County to support the development and preservation of affordable homes for the people who live and work in our communities. Waukesha County needs more affordable, accessible places to live for our families, senior citizens, and people with disabilities. Please support the creation of a housing trust fund with ongoing, dedicated County revenues.

**Menomonee Falls Waukesha County Supervisors**

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