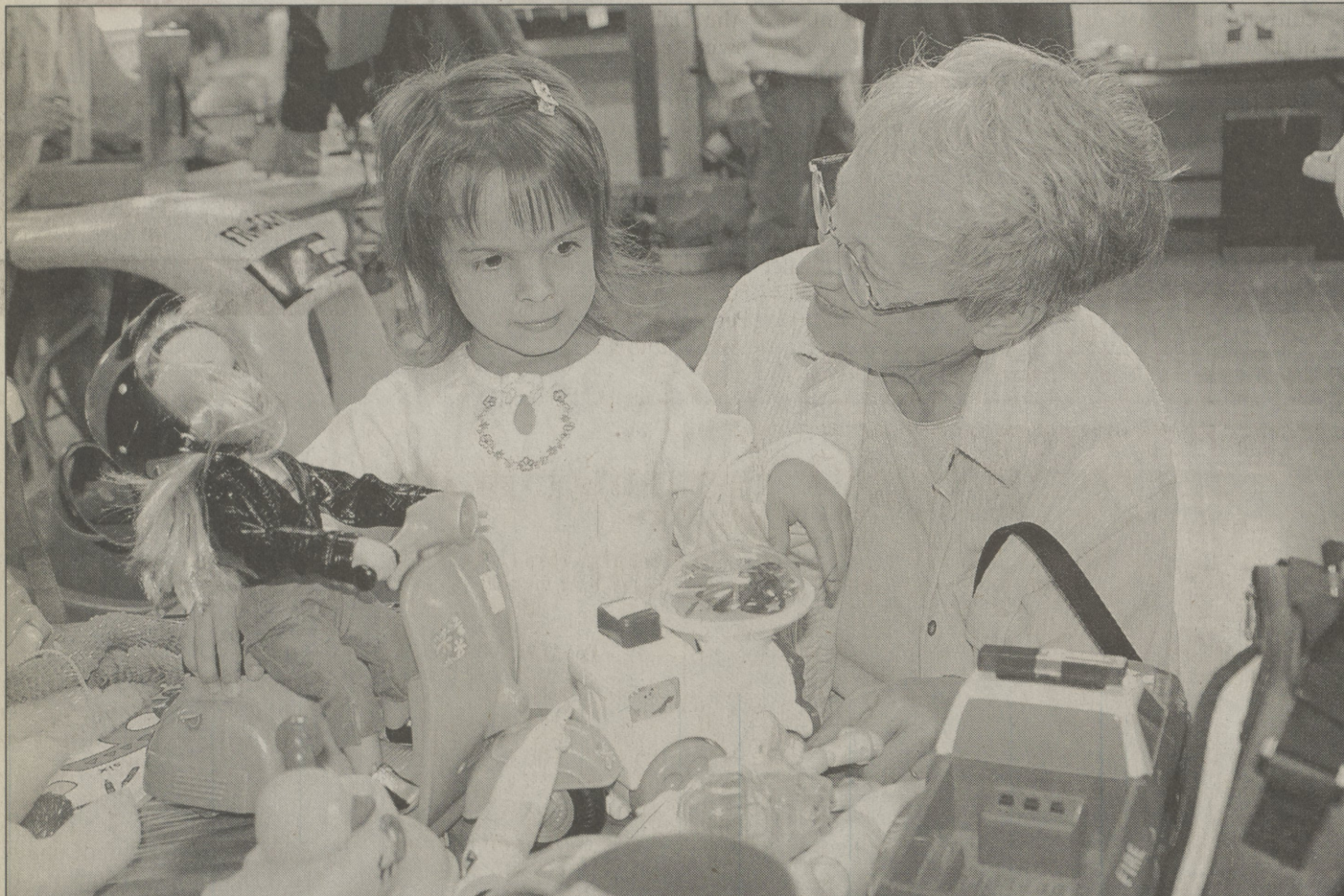


Rummaging around



It's rummage sale time in the Back Mountain, as churches gear up for the fall edition of these popular events. The Post stopped by at the sale held October 1 at the Dallas United Methodist Church. In photos, clockwise from top: Payton Lepore, Wyoming, is not quite sure which toy is the best for grandma Pat Espenschied, Shavertown, to buy; After looking long and hard, Kim Gruver finally found just the right stuff to bring home; John and Josephine Brzozowski, Mountain Top, find something for themselves; Making sure no one went hungry were Jennie Valick, Wendy Carey, Sharon Lewis, Kate Dickson.

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Lehman United Methodist Church members helped with a nail sale after the Easter service at the church. From left: Elizabeth Sullivan, Michael Gionfriddo, Neil VanBodegom Smith.

HABITAT

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put in place, it is under roof, and the windows have been installed.

The Back Mountain Methodist churches working on the project and raising funds for it are: Alderson, Carverton, Center Moreland, Dallas, Lehman/Idetown, Mt. Zion, Orange, Shavertown and Trucksville.

"Approximately \$45,000 was needed for the construction," said Dallas resident Morag Michael, a member of the steering committee, "and the good news is that over half of the money has been raised. The challenge is that we still need to come up with the remaining \$18,000."

More than 30 Methodist churches in the valley are asking their members to participate financially in this project by conducting "nail sales" in their respective congregations. "The purchased nails can then be returned for use in the construction of the actual house," said Michael. "We also have Wesley Habitat House T-shirts for sale for \$10 each."

Some of the nail sales campaigns have taken on a unique approach. Susie Snyder, project chair from the Lehman/Idetown Methodist Church, tied the Easter theme together with the Habitat project. "We connected the nail sale with the crucifixion," said Snyder.

"The youth group found Bible verses using the word nail, and selected about 15 of them to read and discuss on Easter Sunday. Most of the verses confirmed that nails hold things together as these nails will hold this house together for its new family."

"There is a place for anyone and everyone who wants to help build this house," said recently retired pastor Ken Carder. "You don't have to have experience. You just need a willing heart that wants to help a family elevate themselves from substandard housing. Some recipient families have a safe and affordable home for the first time in their lives."

Human capital is also needed. Recipients of Habitat homes must put in 400 hours of their own labor, but more volunteer assistance is always welcome.

Churches or individuals

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Morag Michael
Habitat steering committee

wishing to participate in a nail sale, make a lunch for the workers or help on site may call Rev. Carder at 718-0861 or Morag Michael at 675-0488 for the supplies needed to hold sale, more information on the work of Habitat, or to request a speaker for the project.

"We all know that it takes more than just these nails to build a home," said Michael. "It will take many willing hearts and willing hands to help us see that this project gets finished. Our goal is to have the house ready for dedication in the spring of 2005. A family is waiting."

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