
Spring 2008

HABITAT HOME DEDICATED



Carol Teske, Habitat for Humanity Sponsor, presents a Bible to the Monjarez family.

Lora Monjarez and daughters, Anabela and Liliana, received keys to their new home at 2518 Rose Lane Road on December 16, 2007. Mayor Ed Babbitt and Councilmen John Ott and Gus Erickson, along with Julie Ferri from Thrivent, were special guests. Pastor Glenn Harless of Thanksgiving Lutheran Church offered the opening prayer, closing words, and final blessing.

Ron Begg from Immanuel Lutheran Church presented a quilt to the family and Pastor Howard Rice from Glad Tidings Assemblies of God Church blessed the new home.

Jim Arbuckle, construction chair, presented keys and the flag to the family.



Lora, Anabela, and Liliana's new house at 2618 Rose Lane Road.



Ron Begg presents the quilt.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Friend of Habitat,

The Habitat office receives several phone calls every week from people who are at the end of their rope. They are in need of housing and they start calling agencies for help, just to be told to call someone else.

On one particular Monday, a woman called the Habitat office frantic because her husband had kicked her and their children out of their home. She needed a place to live.

The Habitat volunteer who answered the phone that day was Christine Tate. Christine helped the woman sign up for our applicant list and then gave her information on shelters in which she could stay. But the woman needed more than housing – she needed hope. She started to cry. Christine knew just what to do.

"Would you like me to pray for you?" Christine asked the woman. The woman said yes. And Christine prayed, right then and there on the telephone. When Christine was done praying for the woman, she told the woman not to give up hope. Christine told the woman that she is taking steps in the right direction and that God will help her along the way.

That's what I love about Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County. As a Christian nonprofit we don't just offer simple, decent housing – we give people hope. The hope for a better tomorrow. The hope that gets them through the day.

Please pray for those in need of simple, decent housing. Each year we see the number of families applying for Habitat homes rise. And please pray that together, with our volunteers and donors, Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County can help those who have lost hope.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who help others regain hope.

Sincerely,

Margaret Stamp, Executive Director

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GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

John “Mac” McLean

Dear Friends,

What an exciting time it has been for me since taking over the role as President of the Sarpy County affiliate of Habitat for Humanity in January. The transition has been seamless with much thanks to Acting-President John Taylor. I have known John since my initial involvement with Habitat back in 2001. As you know, John has been a “jack-of-all-trades” to our affiliate and has certainly “mastered” most of those jobs. I cannot thank John enough for his willingness to serve as the Acting-President for our affiliate during the many months leading up to my election. Thank you John, for making my arrival at Habitat an enjoyable and easy transition.

I am equally delighted to have such a high caliber group on the Board of Directors. We have members from all parts of the county with varied backgrounds and work experiences, but this diverse group of passionate and committed members is what is needed to take our affiliate to the next level of excellence. Thanks to all the Board members.

Now speaking of Excellence I couldn't have handpicked a better group of construction and renovation craftsmen and craftswomen or wonderful administrative volunteers. They represent a passionate and selfless group who are making a difference in the lives of Sarpy County families in need of quality homes by ensuring our quality begins with a capital “Q.” Many thanks

to all of you for your faithful service in helping us create these wonderful homes.

How about our wonderful Executive Director, Margaret Stamp? I am so delighted with all her terrific work in every area of our affiliate. Everyday is something new and challenging and Margaret works the issues with tack and finesse. Many thanks to you Margaret for your high energy and unwavering commitment to our affiliate.

Finally, to all of our donors and sponsors ... my sincere thanks for all your support in the past. The affiliate has completed 21 homes thanks to your passionate and enthusiastic response to the needs of local families in need of Quality housing. We are building another four homes in 2008 with much thanks to you. Your generous contributions will enable four deserving families to celebrate their first Christmas this year in their new home. Wow ... that is exciting!

My God continue to bless you and your family for all your wonderful deeds.

With Kind Regards,
 “Mac” McLean



(House Dedication continued)

Dear Habitat for Humanity,

I wanted to send a little note to tell you how much you have been a blessing to us.

Thank you so much for all of your hard work and dedication. The Lord has truly blessed Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County with some of the best volunteers I've seen. It's not just one part of Habitat either – from my family support worker to the construction crew – all of you have been a blessing to me. I've never met such a compassionate and kind-hearted group.

Thank you for being God's hands extended. I pray that the Lord will continue to use Habitat to share His love with others and may His face always shine upon each of you.

Thank you for teaching, helping, and supporting me through this whole process. I can't thank you enough.

God Bless You,

Lora, Anabela, and Liliana Monjarez

**Groundbreakings
2508 and 2510 Rose Lane Road**

A cold December 16th day forced groundbreaking ceremonies inside. Habitat for Humanity Sponsor, Jean Marie Faltus, introduced the Alier family: Guoi, Nyankir, Agoi, Deng Akor, Anyieh, and Yar. Sponsor, Dottie Francis presented the Moreno family: Pedro, Norma, Oscar, Norma and Pedro Jr. Groundbreakers present were introduced by Shellie McGlade-Kent, the Development Chair.



Jean Marie Faltus with the Alier family



The Moreno family with sponsor, Dottie Frances

A HOUSE FOR A HOUSE TITHE

The mission of Habitat for Humanity is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world. That's why for each house we build in Sarpy County, we tithe to a Habitat affiliate in El Salvador. The tithe is at least \$4,200 per house, which is how much it costs to build a Habitat house in El Salvador. This means for each Habitat house we build in Sarpy County, we pay to build a Habitat house in El Salvador!

NEW PARTNER FAMILIES

Six new Partner Families have been chosen in the selection process.

- Bryan and Cassie Lanning, with children Natanyal and Atira, will be moving by December 31st, 2008, into the first house, which is a Thrivent build.
- A anonymous family has been selected for the next house.
- Agoth and Achol Riing, with children Riing, Atheing, Amou, Akuol, and Awien.
- Jino Mondi and Suzan Deyi, with children Beatres, Charity, Flora, Winnie, and Daniel.
- Ervin and Alicia Burks, with children Dontrell, Richard, Richon, and Danielle.
- Debbie Voycheske, with children Kayla, Justin, Jenna, and Kyah.

When work is completed on their new homes within the next couple of years, ten adults and 21 children will have safe, affordable, and decent homes in which to live. Five of the six families recently attended the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and were introduced by Carol Teske, Family Support Committee Chair.

DONATIONS MADE WITH LOVE

In Memory of Dave Dulvo on Dec. 28th, 2007 made by Kaye Dulzo.

In Honor of Ron & Mary Begg, made on Dec. 29th, 2007 by Ann Newgard-Larson.

In Honor of Rae Williams, made on Jan. 16th, 2008 by Roger & Joan Givens.

To donate money in memory of or in honor of someone special, send your donation to: Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County, PO Box 1664, Bellevue, NE 68005.

SPECIAL THANKS

I would like to thank the generous volunteers and donors who have made the dream of home ownership a reality for Habitat families. I want to especially recognize Jeff Lonowski of PIXELS Photography and in-kind donors Apollo Heating & Air Conditioning, Avery Electric, A-Relief Services, Inc. and Standard Plumbing for their work on 2518 Rose Lane Road.

Margaret Stamp, Executive Director

Thank You!

UPS FOUNDATION GRANT

The UPS Foundation awarded a \$7,000 grant to Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County to facilitate the building of homes in 2008. Margaret Stamp, Executive Director, said, "This funding will help us build more homes in Sarpy County that low-income families are able to afford."

The UPS Foundation has identified literacy, hunger relief, and volunteerism as its focus areas. Lisa Hamilton, President of the UPS Foundation, said, "Together with nonprofit partners such as Habitat, we work to make a positive impact on the lives of people in need."

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

The Ring of Flutes, a quartet of four flutists, welcomed 70 volunteers to the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. The event, "Proud to Serve," took place Sunday, April 6, 2008, at St. Columbkille's in Papillion.

A highlight of the evening was naming Gene Cash and John Taylor as Co-Volunteers of the Year. Both men have served for many years, both on construction crews, as well as the Board. John Taylor said he enjoyed his involvement because it was fun and satisfying to "get work done."

After the invocation led by Rev. Karl Ziegler of First Lutheran Church of Papillion, Margaret Stamp, Executive Director of Habitat in Sarpy County, welcomed guests and thanked volunteers.

A dinner of meat loaf, cheesy potatoes, and green beans, plus desserts, were furnished by the Hy-Vees located at Shadow Lake and 36th and L Streets.

Board President, John "Mac" McLean, thanked the volunteers attending, commencing with the dinner committee. "Mac" noted that volunteers from all facets

of Habitat were in attendance. He congratulated the affiliate for completing four homes in calendar year 2007, bringing the total of homes built in Sarpy County to 21. "Mac" announced that four homes would also be constructed in 2008. On a personal note, he shared his first experience with Sarpy County Habitat. In 2001, he was part of the build for the USAA house, the Getzfred Memorial House.

Carol Teske, Family Support Committee Chair, introduced the Monjarez, Cleveland, and Taylor families, present owners of Habitat homes. Lora Monjarez commended the volunteers who were "always there, a selfless group with big hearts." She stated, "The volunteers have changed my life."

Rev. Fred Simon of Pilgrim Lutheran Church of Bellevue concluded the evening with the Benediction.



SITE HOSTS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to welcome the volunteers at the build site and help them sign in. Site hosts are needed Saturdays from 7:45 AM – 10:00 AM. No experience is necessary, but the volunteer must be 16 years of age or older. Training will be provided. Call 292-6560.

VOLUNTEERS, RSVP PLEASE!

Construction and Rehab Volunteers, we welcome you to volunteer at our build site. But please remember to RSVP! Call 292-6560 or email hfoffice@cox.net to let us know when you are coming.

Volunteering Quotes

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. *Margaret Mead*

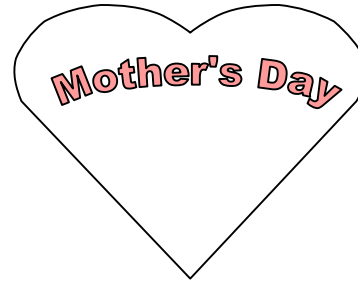
One is not born into the world to do everything but to do something. *Henry David Thoreau*

Throughout my life, I've seen the difference that volunteering efforts can make in people's lives. I know the personal value of service as a local volunteer. *Jimmy Carter*

Yes, I am sending a contribution of \$ _____

My name is: _____

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This donation is in (check one):

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The following person for Mother's Day: _____

Please send an acknowledgement of my gift to the following name and address:

Name: _____

Address _____

Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County will send you a receipt for your donation. All donations to Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County are tax-deductible. We are a 501 c 3 nonprofit.

PLANNED GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Many faithful supporters who hammer and paint and give financial gifts wish they could give even more, but feel there is just no more room in the family budget. With a little creativity, planned giving can allow these generous partners to make larger gifts than they had ever thought possible. And with careful planning, results can include increased retirement income; reduced taxes on income, capital gains and estate taxes; and a legacy of decent houses for those in need.

Consider designating a gift to Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County through one of the following:

- Wills and Family Trusts
- Gift Annuities
- Gift of Stock
- Minimum IRA Distribution after age 70.5
- Life Insurance Policies

For more information call Habitat for Humanity International's Planned Giving Department, 1-800-422-4828. Be sure to designate your gift to Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County.



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