

## Thrivent Funds 30<sup>th</sup> Habitat House

Ground was broken on Habitat's 30<sup>th</sup> house at 7409 South 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Bellevue on May 1, 2011 for the Keka family. In addition to Thrivent funds, which amount to nearly \$60,000, Lutherans provide most of the construction workers. Thanks also to members of the Groundbreakers' Club who donate \$50 or more each time Habitat of Sarpy County breaks ground on a new home. Groundbreakers' donations provide consistent support we can count on each time we build. And the donations are tax deductible!



John Taylor presents the American flag to the Fletcher family

Tom and Mandi Fletcher and their children, Christian, Evicka, and Elaina, moved into their new home at 2501 Jackson Street in Bellevue on May 15, 2011. Pastor Steve Holdaway gave the invocation and blessed the home. John Taylor, board member and site selection co-chair, presented the keys and flag to the family. Ron Begg from Immanuel Lutheran Church presented the quilt. The Fletcher home is house number 29.

A special thank you to our regular construction volunteers: Dave Wolfe, Jim Arbuckle, Tom Gebhardt, Russ Hankins, Mel Hess, R. F. Scott, Dave Snavely, John Taylor, and Marty Delahanty.

Thank you to our in-kind donors: Hunter Douglas, Yale, Whirlpool, A-Relief, Schneider Electric/Square D, Valspar Paint, Glenn Stinn, Dow, Hunter Douglas and Yale.

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Let me begin by thanking all of you – our volunteers, sponsors, benefactors, staff, and our Habitat families for helping Habitat of Humanity of Sarpy County become so successful! We are all so humbled by your generosity of time and treasure and your commitment to our Habitat families. By the way, we will be welcoming another Habitat family in the next few weeks as we finish our 30th Habitat home.

The past few months seem like a blur. I don't know where the summer has gone, but as I look back it has been an amazing time for our affiliate. Just look at the things YOU have accomplished: our fundraising fireworks stand, our work at the concession booth at Werner Park, Bellevue's Arrows to Aerospace parade, adding the finishing touches on our 30th home, the selection of three new Habitat families, continuing support for current families, the recent expansion into our new office space (don't worry – same address), and the upcoming Grand Opening of our Surplus Store – where you'll be able to buy an assortment of home repair, remodeling, and decorating items at ridiculously low prices. Incidentally, the Surplus Store is located right next door to our new office space - so now you really have a reason to come for a visit to take a look at our expansion project.

As many of you know, it has been a challenge to find suitable land for our homes. Our applicant list of families needing affordable quality housing continues to grow. I know I'm stating the obvious, but without land we can't complete our mission. We have been very fortunate to have volunteers, like you, helping us look for land opportunities around Sarpy County. All of your efforts have paid off as we've acquired additional building lots and there are additional lots that look very promising. There are so many people to thank for helping us find new properties, but I believe special thanks should go to the City of La Vista and the City of Bellevue for their assistance in

helping us identify suitable properties in their communities. They have been great to work with! To all of you ... Thank you!

As you can see we have been very busy making the dream of home ownership a reality for families in need of quality housing. A special thank you to all who have helped Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County be so successful. What you do every day is making a difference in our community.

May God continue to bless you and your family.

John "Mac" McLean

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Habitat for Humanity has a new marketing slogan, “What Will You Build?” I love this slogan, although the question provoked me to think... *what have we built and accomplished over the past 18 months?* You are probably asking yourself, “why 18 months?” This is the amount of time I have been blessed to be the Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County.

The following bullet points are just a few of the achievements you have all been an integral part of over the past year and a half:

- Accumulated over 25,000 volunteer hours through construction, fundraising, committee work and office help
- Built 4 new homes that house 4 families – 5 adults and 12 children
- Hired a part-time office manager
- Acquired 6 more plots of land and 1 home slated for rehabilitation
- Acquired and renovated new office space to accommodate our growth
- Acquired and renovated commercial space for our new Surplus Store
- Selected 3 new partner families that will receive 3 homes - 5 adults and 6 children
- Helped raise over \$370,000 through fundraising, grants, corporate sponsorship and in-kind donations!

WOW! It’s amazing when I reflect on all the accomplishments we have made the past 540 days. How will the Lord bless us in the next 540 days?

With the grace, guidance and blessings of God, we plan to build 4 new homes for families in need.

This may sound like a lofty goal, but it’s not impossible. Through Him, all is possible!

We have the families, the land and the plan. Now, we pray for partners, donations and blessings to make it happen!

My question to you is, “What Will You Help Build?” in the next 540 days?

We need you to...

# Help build it!

Blessings,

Jon Costello, Executive Director



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



October 17	Board Meeting
November 4	Grand Opening of Surplus Sales
November	Closing on house #30 7409 S 18th Street
November	Dedication of 7409 S 18 <sup>th</sup> Street house
November 21	Board Meeting
December 19	Board Meeting

### **DINE AT LANSKY'S ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County is partnering with Lansky's of Bellevue, Nebraska. Lansky's will donate 15% from all receipts turned in to the cash register. **You must place your receipt in the basket next to the cash register.**

Lansky's is located at 3909 Twin Creek Drive in Bellevue. (That's three blocks west of 36<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway 370.)

402-502-0555

**Thanks to Lansky's for its generosity**

## **HABITAT NOW ON FACEBOOK**

**Find us and "like us" on Facebook**

**Check out our website**  
[www.hfhsarpy.org](http://www.hfhsarpy.org)

- Find volunteer opportunities and complete a volunteer form
- Join us for special celebrations
- Participate in fundraisers
- Learn of youth volunteer opportunities
- Visit our photo gallery
- Make a donation

**Help build it!**

## SURPLUS SALES

Look for the opening of Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County's Surplus Sales. The facility is located next to our current office at 119 West Mission Street, Bellevue, NE.

Surplus Sales will accept new, gently used, and surplus building materials from contractors, property managers, remodelers, suppliers, and individuals. Some materials will be used in the construction of Habitat homes, but most of the donations are offered to the public at significantly reduced prices.

When performing renovations to your home and removing materials that are too good to throw away, donate them to the Surplus Sales of Sarpy Habitat. If your project is complete, donate surplus materials. Wrong color, wrong size, why not donate? And your donation is tax deductible.

### Acceptable Donations

Doors	Mirrors, glass
Electrical parts	Paint (unopened), wall coverings
Fans	Pipe, PVC, metal, copper
Flooring material	Plumbing- tubs, sinks, showers, commodes
Hardware	Roofing materials, gutters
Lighting	Tools
Lumber, plywood, sheetrock, trim	

### Donations We Cannot Accept

Air conditioning units	Mattresses, box springs
Appliances (over 5 years old)	Nails, screws, nuts, bolts
Bath tubs	Oil and gas containers
Books	Paint (Used)
Carpet, padding	Shoes
Clothing	Shower doors
Computers	Single pane windows
Drapes	Storm windows
Hazardous chemicals	Water heaters (over 5 years)
Wood scraps, painted wood	Cabinets or Windows due to limited space

Refer to the Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County website, [www.hfhsarpy.org](http://www.hfhsarpy.org), for more specific information about items that can and cannot be donated.

Surplus Sales is set to open Nov. 4, 2011.

## COMMITTEES

### **Celebrations – Fran Taylor, Chair**

The Celebrations Committee organizes special events to celebrate groundbreaking for new homes or dedication of completed homes. The Committee also sponsors the annual Volunteer Appreciation dinner.

### **Church Relations – Sister Jean Marie Faltus, Chair**

The Church Relations Committee strengthens the Affiliate's work by recruiting families, volunteers, and financial support from community churches.

### **Construction – Martin Delahanty, Chair**

Working closely with the Site Selection Committee, the Construction Committee defines the type of building that best fits the needs of the local community and Habitat's goals. The Committee deals specifically with house design criteria, materials, plans, and cost estimates.

### **Development – Open, Chair; Subcommittee Grants – Ron Begg, Ham Kennedy**

The Development Committee assumes the leadership for implementing the public relations and fundraising policies and goals for the Affiliate. Fundraising assistance is needed when approaching donors for either cash or in-kind gifts of material, labor, property, or support. Public relations include writing for newsletters, newspapers, advertising for special events, and public speaking.

### **Family Selection – Betty Cartwright, Chair**

The Family Selection Committee defines the population in need of decent, affordable housing and develops processes and policies for selecting those in greatest need. Once the application process has been approved, the Committee works with families who have applied, making sure the applicant families meet the established criteria.

### **Family Support – Sarah Doohen, Chair**

The Family Support Committee works with partner families both before and after construction. Committee members assist families in the area of sweat equity hours, provide a record of the hours worked, and help families in the transition to homeownership.

### **Finance – Bill Ernst, Chair**

The Finance Committee oversees the preparation of the annual budget, financial statements, and cash flow projections. It administers, collects, and disperses the financial resources of the organization, which includes monitoring of homeowner loan performance and summarizing data. The Finance Committee advises the Board with respect to significant financial decisions.

### **Rehab – Mike Zens, Chair**

The Rehab Committee obtains an existing home and restores it. The home is then sold back to a partner family or put on the open market to raise funds for additional builds.

### **Site Selection – John Taylor, Anne Boepple, Co-Chairs**

The Site Selection Committee defines neighborhoods and communities where a build is feasible and finds available land. Committee members work with local government officials, neighborhood associations, and property owners. People with real estate experience welcome.

### **Volunteer Coordination – Open, Chair**

The Volunteer Coordination Committee is essential because Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County is a volunteer-based organization. There is always a need for volunteers to work onsite, facilitate fundraising efforts, become committee members, or assist in the office.



Students from the summer school program “Pitching In and Helping Out” gathered at Birchcrest Elementary on June 24, 2011, to present a check to Jon Costello, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County, for \$186.50.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Habitat for Humanity International (HFNI) and the Habitat for Humanity (HFH) of Sarpy County affiliate work in partnership with God and people from all walks of life to build and renovate simple, decent, affordable housing and improve our communities so all people can experience God’s love and can live and grow into all that God intends.

### **Contact Information:**

*Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County's* office is located in Olde Towne Bellevue at 119 W. Mission, Suite H (9:00 to 3:00, Monday - Friday)

For mail: Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County, P.O. Box 1664, Bellevue, NE 68005

The phone number of the office is 402-292-6560

The website is <http://www.hfhsarpy.org>.

Jon Costello – Executive Director

Linda Johnson – Office Manager

Gerald “Jerry” Swanson – Construction Manager



**SUCCESSFUL SUMMER FUNDRAISERS**  
*Golf Fundraiser supporting*  
*Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County*  
*Willow Lakes Golf Course*

*A Special Thank You for all our Sponsors*

***NORTHROP GRUMMAN***



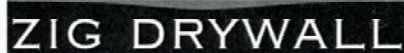
Thanks to three successful fundraisers over the summer, Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County can continue to fulfill its mission of providing decent, affordable housing to improve our communities.



Bill Ernst  
International



The firework stand generated **\$10,665.06** in revenues.



The golf fundraiser at Willow Lakes Golf Course contributed **\$4,300.**



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Selling concessions at Storm Chasers baseball games has netted



Anonymous Donor



**Please complete this form and return it with your donation**

Yes, I would like to make a donation to help Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County continue to build simple, decent homes which limited income families are able to afford. I have enclosed my donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Organization/Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Your donation helps build homes.

- \$10 buys a box of nails
- \$35 buys a bundle of shingles
- \$50 buys a medicine cabinet
- \$75 buys a toilet
- \$100 buys a sink
- \$200 buys a window
- \$250 buys a front door or shower

I am unable to make a financial contribution at this time, but I am **interested** in other ways to help Habitat for Humanity of Sarpy County. I would like additional information regarding the following;

- Volunteering time at a build site.
- Helping with other fundraising opportunities.
- Serving on a committee.
- Arranging for someone to speak to my group/organization.
- The Groundbreakers' Club \*\*\*

The Lord said in Proverbs 19:17 that "He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done." you will be blessed by the Lord for your generosity.

Thank you on behalf of Habitat Partner families and volunteers. Once we receive your response, we will send you a donation receipt to be used for tax purposes or the appropriate volunteer form.

**We will only call you if you mark your interests indicated above.**

**\*\*\* Groundbreakers donate a pre-selected dollar amount every time we break ground on a new home.**

**119 W. Mission Ave., Ste. "<", Bellevue, NE 69005**

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