

From Behind the Hammer

— Jerry Marlatt, Building Superintendent



A Plea from the Building Chairman

The building committee has been very busy this year, as usual, and things are progressing well. We have been having very good turn outs on Tuesday and Thursday morning, and we have welcomed several new people to our crew. But our main work day of the week has not been very good. So, please try to encourage individuals and groups to come and help us on Saturday. We have all three houses under construction.

The first two houses are dried in (have the roof on and all the windows and doors in) The third one has the walls up and the roof will follow shortly, maybe by the time you read this. It looks a lot like this photo of 1203.

It has been very good to be working on our new development site where we have everything in one location but we do have a little extra work trying to keep the weeds under control, the grass mowed, bushes and trees watered, and the place looking good.

As I said before, we need more help. Please come and give us an hour or two of your Saturday morning. If you stay until noon, you will be treated to a wonderful meal.



From Behind the Gavel

— Ken Mumm, President



Greetings from the KAHfH Board of Directors

We are pleased that you have chosen to share a few minutes with us. KAHfH has been busy since the first of April as Jerry has outlined in his Building Committee Report.

I want to take a few minutes to highlight the wonderful support we have from so many people. I'll begin with the Board members and the building committee who put in countless hours. But, there are MANY others who dedicate an hour or two, or a day or two or more in helping to provide affordable homes for God's people in need. Not only do we have many volunteers, but the homeowners themselves dedicate themselves to working 400 hours to complete their home.

Many thanks to all who serve meals to the Saturday volunteers, to the Hospitality workers who graciously help everyone sign in and provide them with coffee and rolls during the 9:00 devotions; to the many congregations and professional groups who send volunteers, food, and goodies; to the photographers who document the building process so each homeowner is provided a photo album of the process; to the many folks who donate money and materials so the building can continue. We are so blessed to have such awesome support.

As Jerry mentioned, we can always use more volunteers to get the homeowners into their homes as quickly as possible, but we are progressing and are right at the midpoint of the building season. There are still many Saturdays to help build; so spread the word.

I want to close with a verse that was read at our Adult Sunday School Class.

To be a genuinely humble Christian we shouldn't measure or evaluate ourselves by other people (positively or negatively) but must measure ourselves by the commandments of God through Christ: "Am I loving God with heart, soul, mind and strength, and am I loving my neighbor as myself?"

Definitely a tall order, but I encourage all of us to take an inventory.

Be Well and Be Loving !



My name is Melissa Steinmark. I'm from Kearney and currently work at Platte Valley Medical Group as an EKG Tech. I have two beautiful daughters that are my world. Kinlei is 7, and Amarie is 3. They both have a lot of energy and keep me very busy. We enjoy anything outdoors, so we spend a lot of time at the pool.

I decided over a year ago that I really wanted to give them a home of their own. Being a single mom, I just didn't know how I was going to do that until I was told about Habitat. I have so many things I want to do to my new home, and I can't wait to make them happen. My oldest daughter is just as excited and has many plans for her room. Our family has truly been blessed, and we thank everyone who is a part of this journey from the bottom of our hearts.



My name is Brandie Nelson. I have lived in Kearney subsidized housing for several years with my three children and our puppy, Chumlee. We have lived here due to me having an epilepsy condition which makes it so I can only work so many hours, giving our family a limited income.

Kearney housing had tried to encourage me over the past few years to sign up for Habitat for Humanity. I finally decided to take their word, and was one of the lucky ones chosen to receive one of those great homes for my children and myself. I am thankful to be working with this great program.

My children sure know how to keep me on my toes. My oldest son is Austin Schnase, 13. He enjoys skateboarding, games, hunting, and time with his family and friends. Taylor Schnase, my daughter, 10, loves her social media, art, baking, and friend time. Owen Schnase is nine, and he enjoys fishing, video games, and spending time with his role model uncle David Schaben, who is a Marine.

I work part time at K-Mart, and full time at home with my kids. I love to work out at K-Town Shakedown, ride my bike, and have family time.



Hi, our names are Angel and Lucia Organista. We are thankful to God and the Habitat program for giving us the opportunity to have a house. We are very happy that our family will have a home where we can live better. We're thankful to all the people that have helped us build this house.

After a long journey we appreciate this home even more. Without Habitat we wouldn't have accomplished this. We appreciate you all from the bottom of our hearts because without you, we wouldn't be at this point in our lives today.

Ken's WISH LIST for KAHfH NEEDS

- ◆ **Volunteers:** Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday or all three.
- ◆ A new garden tractor mower and a roller for lawn work
- ◆ GOOD paint brushes, hammers and shovels (ours are wearing out)
- ◆ Tidy Cat Litter pails for nails, screws, etc

As you clean out the garage or storage shed, please think of donating to KAHfH. Please call the warehouse at 236-6030 and leave your number and what you have to donate and we will help you make arrangements to deliver.

Cans for Habitat

Did you know that there are several way to donate your aluminum cans?

First, you can put them (secured in bags please) in the cage box on the north side of the Habitat building at 1815 1st Avenue.

Second, you can take them and other aluminum items to Anderson Wrecking on Avenue M and ask them to put your donation on the KAHfH account.

Third, if you have a place with a lot of cans, our “can man” Charlie will come and pick them up. Just call the office at 234-6030 and leave a message for Charlie.

Many cans or just a few . . . every little bit helps the “can” cause.



Send your email address to
kahfh@yahoo.com
 with the word
NEWSLETTER in the subject line and you will receive a full color Newsletter in PDF format in your email or read the news on the website.
habitat. Kearney.net

By the Numbers —The Fundraising Committee

We want to share some interesting numbers with you. In 2016 the KAHfH homeowners will pay about \$96,000 in mortgage payments! That amount is the principal the homeowners pay to reduce their homes loan balance. As you know, we do not charge interest. The \$96,000 is 52% of the \$186,000 we need to raise this year! The \$96,000 plus the \$90,000 donor dollars we must raise buys the variety of materials needed to build this years three homes.

We want to show you what a few of those items cost to inspire you to write a check that will have a specific impact. It takes \$100 worth of nails, \$500 for gutters, \$2,000 for concrete and \$2,250 for cabinets for each home. Exterior doors cost \$200 each and there are two per home. One window is \$235, there are nine in each home at a total cost of \$2,115. A \$45 check buys ten wall studs and there are one hundred fifty in a home.... Total \$675. Roof trusses are essential and cost only \$70 each with a full roof support of 30 trusses for \$2,100. The sheathing for a roof is just \$11 per sheet and \$544 for the fifty needed.

It is amazing to think that the cost to install these items is ZERO thanks to you awesome volunteers!

Donations of any dollar amount are greatly appreciated as we continue to build simple, decent, affordable homes for and with the working poor.



On Saturday, June 18 the Buffalo County Board of Realtors served hot dogs, chips and a drink on a Frisbee (as a plate) at Builders Warehouse, for a donation to KAHfH. Thank you to all of the REALTOR members who participated!

1st Annual "REALTORS Growing Communities" Event

After some additional donations being received the final count for the funds raised for Habitat for Humanity from this successful event was approximately \$1018. Thanks again to all the members that volunteered. If you get a chance be sure to thank the following business sponsors as well. We couldn't have done this event without their help.

*Builders Warehouse * Traeger Grills * Hy-Vee *Apple Market
 Smallcakes Cupcake & Creamery * The Chicken Coop
 Graham Tire * Farmers & Merchants Bank * Great Western Bank*

And a great BIG thank You to everyone who came out to enjoy the food.

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BUILDING SCHEDULE

Saturday building begins at 8:00 a.m.

*Building committee works on
Tuesday & Thursday mornings, too*

Come and work for an hour or two OR more. Experience is not required. Tools are provided but you can bring your own if you wish. Lunch, snacks and soft drinks are served, FREE of charge.

Work site information

InfoLine: 234-4636 selection 4310

KGFW during the Sat 9 a.m. news

Web Page: habitat.kearney.net

Facebook: Kearney Area Habitat & Twitter

KAHfH needs YOU!

- ◆ We need **Volunteers**: Saturday volunteers are in critical need. No experience necessary!
- ◆ We need ideas for Fundraisers and we always need monetary donations, especially now for payments on the land.

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USPS permit rules require that our mailing list be current OR we pay for returns. Requests for changes can be left on the answering machine. Leave a clear, concise message so that Julie can get back to you ASAP. Or send via email **BEST WAY**

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