



From Behind the Hammer
— Jerry Marlatt, Building Superintendent

Building in Full Swing after Wet Start

We are looking forward to building simple decent homes for God's people in need as we have started on houses 80, 81, and 82.

We got off to a good start the first of April in our warehouse and have all three houses framed up and ready to haul to the job site and set up. Now the problem is getting the foundations in and ready for these framed walls. The rains are nice for our area, but makes it hard to get foundations in due to the wet ground. I am sure we will get moving soon and we will have houses framed up and be very busy. With that in mind: We will need a lot of volunteers for the rest of the building season. Please keep us on your calendar. We were a little disappointed that we probably will not get the street paving for our second phase in until next spring, but the sewer and water will be put in yet this fall. We should be able to start building next spring at our usual time.

We work every Tues. and Thurs. morning from 8 a.m. to Noon and Saturday from 8 am to 3 pm. Lunch is provided at the job site on Saturdays by more of our wonderful volunteers.

Hope to see you there, —Jerry

President's Message of Gratitude

Hello for the first time as the Board President for KAHfH!

The transition from volunteer, to board member, to vice president, to president has been an exciting experience so far. Although it takes a lot of time and effort, the opportunity to connect more deeply and meaningfully with our numerous committees, volunteers, and partner families has been highly rewarding.

My first big "Thank you!" goes to former president Ken Mumm. The patient mentorship that he has provided has been invaluable in my transition to president, and I will rely on him and other board members for further guidance. With help from our new vice president, Paul Bartlett, I am confident that we can keep the momentum of Ken's leadership rolling.

Maintaining the message of gratitude, I want to express our appreciation to all of those who work and pray to make our ministry possible. The amount of generosity and support from donors, businesses, and churches in and outside of our Kearney community is always humbling.



From Behind the Gavel
— Marshall Everitt, President

I would be remiss without stating our gratitude to all of the volunteers both on and off the job site. The selflessness from our regular volunteers and committees never ceases to amaze me. The high level of commitment to make time in their day to prepare for and to attend what seem like countless meetings is extraordinary, and without that level of steady dedication, our organization

would cease to exist. So again, thank you to everyone who contributes in big ways and in small ways to KAHfH.

In closing I will echo our building committee and ask for your continued volunteering. We have a constant flow of work to be done to build adequate shelter for and with God's people in need. Our faith and can-do attitude keep us going, but we are always in need of volunteers. So please come down to the

worksite or contact us to contribute in other ways. The genuine kindness and teamwork experienced through our organization always sends me from the jobsite feeling better than when I arrived, and it will do the same for you.

—Your partner in faith, *Marshall Everitt*

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I am Dawn Chadrick and I have three children, Haylee and Christian who are 14 year old twins and a 24 year old son, Jake, who is grown up and out of the house. I have worked at Kearney Housing Agency over 5 years, and I started wanting to partner with Habitat about 8 years ago. I kept hearing about the program and how great it is and decided that I wanted to be a part of it. I thought it would be a great way to obtain a home for my family and not only obtain a home, but build a home. Now that the build season has started, I'm really excited about seeing the progress of the building process from ground up, and also the coming together of the volunteers and committee members to make homeowners' dreams a reality and the relationships that build because of it.

Thank you all so much for your passion to be a part of Habitat and for making it possible for families to have a place they can call home.

Hello, my name is Jackie Vasquez, and I have a daughter named Ellie. She is 5 years old, and she is my little ray of sunshine. She is full of energy and just brings joy to our lives! I recently just started at Baldwin's. It was a huge adjustment but now that I know the job, it is easier, and I am now the backup supervisor for whenever my boss is gone. I knew about Habitat due to one of my older sisters being chosen for a home for her family, and now I know more and keep learning as I go! I am most excited about this build season that we will get the opportunity to meet new people and get some experience on the process of building a home!

I would like to say a big thank you to the Habitat family for everything they do and their hard work on putting a great team together to make things go smoothly. Thank you to everyone who is part of the Habitat family. We couldn't be more blessed and thrilled for this year to come!



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An Affordable Housing Solution for Kearney

There is a great deal of conversation in Kearney about the pressing need for affordable housing. The fact that you received this newsletter means you are a volunteer and/or donor committed to the continuing success of this Christian housing ministry. You are an integral part of creating an affordable housing solution!

We want you to know that our total budget for 2018 is \$221,000. With those dollars, we will be building three, 1,150 square-foot homes for and with God's people in need. These are simple, decent, affordable homes that hundreds of volunteers and the future homeowners will complete, guided by our very skilled Building Committee members. These will be the 80th, 81st and 82nd homes that you and so many other awesome volunteers and donors will have built.

The existing homeowners, who are making monthly principal-only mortgage payments, will pay a total of \$90,000 to KAHfH this year. Those payments will be recycled right back into purchasing materials for homes this year. Thus, we need to raise \$131,000 in new money to reach the total \$221,000.

We are extremely grateful to the dozens of individuals as well as the businesses, churches and foundations who have already donated this year! We are asking you, our friends, to prayerfully consider donating now that our 2018 home construction season is underway. We ask that you make your check payable to Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity and mail it to 1815 First Ave., Kearney, NE 68847.

We are forever thankful for what you, our loyal supporters, have accomplished in the first 25 years of KAHfH! The excitement is building!

The KAHfH Fundraising Committee - *Mel Wiens, Blaine Drozd, Margaret Messbarger and Jim McKenzie*

Family Selection Committee....How It Works

Greetings to all from the KAHfH Family Selection Committee (FSC).....

Prior to breaking ground on any of the homes with our partner families, the FSC completes a detailed process to determine the most qualified applications to present to the board. This process includes responding to approximately 90 inquiries annually; conducting initial telephone interviews; obtaining and analyzing credit reports; providing credit counseling; obtaining and underwriting complete loan applications; completing home visits; and monitoring applicants during the construction process. Each of these steps are tracked and often require multiple contacts with individual applicants and board members to ensure that there are no misunderstandings during this process, which often takes over a year to complete.

Since the last time we wrote about our activities, we have undergone a substantial change in the membership and structure of the FSC. Current board members that serve on the FSC are Tammy Jeffs (Co-Chair), Paul Bartlett (Co-Chair) and Deb Fox. Other committee members include Sister Catherine

Bones, Laurie Jameson, Stan Wilson, Cindy Barney, and our newest member: Nancy Osterbuhr.

Nancy's role on the FSC will be to serve as our affiliate's qualified loan originator. This will help our affiliate stay in compliance with HfHI requirements and will provide more residential lending experience to our committee.

Each year we evaluate our FSC processes and policies to ensure that we have complete applications ready for board consideration in September for the coming year's build season. Currently we have four applications in process for the 2019 build season. Our building committee will determine the number of homes to be built in the coming year (typically three) and the families with complete applications will be selected to partner with KAHFH based on those demonstrating the greatest need.

Thank you for supporting the family selection process with your referrals from build site volunteers, churches, agencies, and employers.

—Co chairs: *Tammy Jeffs & Paul Bartlett*

Cans for Habitat

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

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.

OR, if you have a place with a lot of cans, our "can man" Charlie will come and pick them up. Just call 234-6030 and leave a message for him.



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

In 2017, you contributed \$1,016 in cans. Let's beat that figure in 2018.

THANK YOU

AARON & CHELSEA



We are Aaron Williams and Chelsea Smith. Aaron Ray and Anthony Mark are our 4 year old twins. Abel Joseph Williams is our 6 month old son. We are most excited about the idea of us obtaining a HOME for our children.

To all the volunteers, words cannot describe the feelings we have about you all. This opportunity is life changing and for the sake of our children's future, we thank you ALL from the bottom of our hearts

2018 Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity

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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 8 a.m. news
- ◇ Web Page: habitat.kearney.net
- ◇ Facebook: Kearney Area Habitat

KAHfH needs YOU!

- ◆ We need **Volunteers**: Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday or all three. No experience necessary!
- ◆ We need ideas for Fundraisers.
- ◆ We always need monetary donations, especially now for payments on the land and infrastructure.

Presidents Wish List for KAHfH

- Fireproof File Cabinets
- Office Chair
- High Capacity Copier
- Garden Hose

Address changes & Other Business

Call 234-6030 (office)

kahfh@yahoo.com

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 You can also request an email copy of the newsletter in color

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