



**From Behind the Hammer**  
— Jerry Marlatt, Building Superintendent

**2018 Building Season Coming to a Close**

The house building season for KAHfH is winding down for 2018. We will be dedicating the house for Dawn Chadrick at 1208 E 17th St. on Nov. 27th. Dedication dates for Jackie Vasquez Moreno at 1304 E 17th and Aaron Williams and Chelsea Smith at 1306 E 17th have not been set at the time of this writing. This will make a total of 82 houses we have built since KAHfH was founded in Kearney 26 years ago.

The new footing and foundation at 1309 E 17th has just been completed in preparation for the building season 2019. The first homebuyer for next year is Amie Maxwell. This should give us a head start for next year.

The infrastructure for the second and final phase of the Marlatt 3rd addition has just been completed by Midlands Contracting Co. We now have sewer, water and storm sewer installed. Next spring, Dan Roeder Construction will put in the paving. This gives us very affordable land to build on for many years into the future.

If it were not for all the volunteers, including the Habitat board, all of the committee members and a super dedicated building committee all of this would not get accomplished. I also want to include the City of Kearney and the many business people that help us. Our organization is very proud of this and thank God for the many blessings he gives us.

**A Big Thank You to All of You!**



**From Behind the Gavel**  
— Marshall Everitt, President

**A Rich Past and a Hopeful Future**

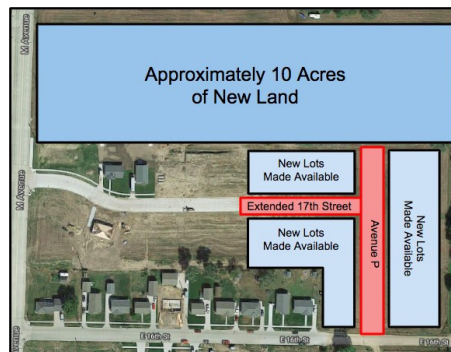
The first months of my term as president have been about what I had expected: full of on-the-job learning, questions for those more experienced and some outright guesswork. I often find myself simply doing my diligence to get reasonably informed and then going with what feels right while trusting in the Lord. Although this may not sound like the most confident of attitudes, the past months have shown a number of things to make me hopeful and excited for the future.

One reason for this optimism has been the support from our community and city officials. Throughout the planning of our latest infrastructure expansion we felt as though someone had our back and that someone was out in front paving the way so we could take the necessary steps to get the project underway. Their continued support is greatly appreciated and shows that they believe in our mission of building shelter with and for those in need.

Another cause for confidence in our future is the commitment our board has shown. Four organization members volunteering their time to attend the Midwest Habitat convention shows investment in this ministry.

The lessons brought back and the connections made with other affiliates are certain to benefit KAHfH

In October the board also approved the purchase of approximately ten acres of new land to the north of where we are currently building. Knowing that we will have a places to build brings a big sense of relief.



We still have 20 lots in Marlatt Addition waiting to be developed. This new land could potentially hold 30 more lots, giving us places to build for at least the next decade! Of course this purchase would never have been possible without the astounding generosity of our donors, but what a promising way to see that money being used.

My last encouraging observation has been the people on and off the jobsite. We continue to be blessed with a steady core of building committee members and regular volunteers three days a week. However, new faces keep showing up every Saturday, and a number of them keep coming back. While the future will certainly bring its challenges, the same strengths that have always kept KAHfH going strong will continue to do so. Those strengths are the people involved, the bonds made among them, and our faith in Christ.

## Midwest Habitat Networking Benefits Our Local Board

On October 23rd-25th, four members of KAHFH took the opportunity to travel to Des Moines, Iowa to attend the Midwest Habitat Networking Convention. They attended a number of speakers presentations and breakout sessions full of information and connections that can be brought back to our own affiliate. Here's what they had to say about the trip!

“First of all, THANKS to the Board of Directors and the donor for encouraging and allowing us to attend the Midwest Habitat Networking Convention! We were encouraged by hearing what we do well and challenged by ways we can improve as an affiliate. We were inspired by Clive Rainey as he shared the very beginning stories of Habitat. We were enthused to hear the vision of Habitat regarding housing advocacy. We learned how to better engage volunteers and meet the needs of our homebuyers. We were exposed to new building procedures and materials. Habitat for Humanity International was a visible anchor and we learned more about compliance and resources available.”

Respectfully: *Paul Bartlett, Debra Fox, Margaret Messbarger, Ken Mumm*



## Moving Paynes

“To those whom much is given, much is expected.” This old adage is something that two long-standing volunteers for Kearney Habitat have truly taken to heart and demonstrated for many years. Rodger and Kay Payne, who began working with Habitat in 1989 while helping with a youth group build in Des Moines, will be packing up their tools and moving to Boston to be closer to family this fall.

A trip across the United States is not uncommon for these two because they have participated in care-a-

van builds and sponsored youth group builds in twelve different states, including Nebraska where they organized a care-a-van build right here in Kearney. Rodger and Kay have also taken their skills and caring hearts abroad for international builds in Vietnam, Romania, Haiti, Costa Rica, and Trinidad and Tobago. It seems like nothing can stop these two once they get the volunteer and travel bug!

The Paynes describe the camaraderie between the volunteers and homeowners as one of the factors that has drawn them back to the build site every Saturday. Kay's favorite part has been seeing the homeowners blossom throughout the build season and the pride they have in their homes. Rodger echoed her sentiments and added that his favorite memories are hearing the responses of the homeowners after they receive their keys.

Rodger and Kay both discussed the friendships among the volunteers as a major reason they kept helping. Well, their friendship is part of what has kept me around too. When I first started volunteering in college with different groups from UNK, it was Rodger who made me feel welcome right away. I was helping paint the siding, when Rodger stuck his head out the window and yelled, “Katie!?” Now, I was pretty sure he meant me, but my name is not Katie. Regardless, I went inside to see what he needed. After coming back to volunteer with Habitat when I moved back to Kearney, I have appreciated Kay's friendship and expertise more and more. She always has a welcoming smile and wants to know how you are doing. She also is one of my go-to people when I have a question about options for the homeowners. I will definitely miss seeing and talking to both of them on a weekly basis.

The Paynes will continue to help with Habitat in Boston because there is a build site and a ReStore a few miles from their new home. When asked what they would like to share with the Habitat family, they responded without hesitation, “We're going to miss you a whole, whole lot.” So after their countless hours spent building new homes for people in Kearney, we wish them all the best as they move into a new home of their own. Our Habitat family is going to miss you a whole, whole lot too.

-- *Kathy Everitt, Board Member and Family Support Chair*

# Can You Find It In Your Heart to Give to Habitat?

## DONATING YOUR IRA DISTRIBUTIONS TO A CHARITY

Are you aware of the term QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (QCD) ?

Individuals can donate up to \$100,000 per year directly from a traditional or Roth IRA to qualified charities such as Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity! This is attractive to some investors because QCDs can be used to satisfy required minimum distributions (RMDs) from an IRA without having the distribution included in their income.

A qualified charitable distribution may be made when the IRA holder is age 70 1/2 or older, directly from the IRA to a qualified charity. Making a QCD provides an opportunity to make a charitable contribution that you might otherwise not have been able to make and/or receive potential tax benefits for charitable contributions you are already making.

**Please consult your tax advisor, financial advisor & estate-planning attorney about your situation. Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity does not provide tax or legal advice.**



Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity is again proud to be a part of the Kearney Area Community Foundation Give Where You Live campaign. You do not have to wait until December 6th to make your donation.

It can be done anytime by going to:

[www.givewhereyoulive.net/Kearney-Area-Habitat-For-Humanity](http://www.givewhereyoulive.net/Kearney-Area-Habitat-For-Humanity)

You can look at the overview or go directly to the **DONATE NOW** button.

Your support of Habitat in any of these ways is greatly appreciated.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. We can beat that figure in 2018.

### THANK YOU

#### 2018 Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity

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Kearney Area

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[habitat.kearney.net](http://habitat.kearney.net)

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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](http://habitat.kearney.net)
- ◇ Facebook: Kearney Area Habitat

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ First Home Dedication—November 27, 2018
- ◆ Give Where You Live - December 6, 2018
- ◆ SAVE the DATE for the Annual Meeting and Volunteer-Appreciation Supper - February 12, 2019

## Presidents Wish List for KAHfH

- Fireproof File Cabinets
  - Garden Tractor or Four Wheeler
  - Wheelbarrow
  - Rubber Garden Hose
- GOOD Used Items are OK**

### Address changes & Other Business

Call 234-6030 (office)

[kahfh@yahoo.com](mailto: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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