



From Behind the Gavel

— Ken Mumm, President

Is it really August already? It will actually be September when you receive this newsletter. We are so blessed in the Kearney Community this past 23 years to have such faithful volunteers and generous supporters. Your KAHfH is in the process of building our 68th, 69th and 70th homes. Unbelievable!

You probably saw that last year, your Board of Directors authorized the purchase of land near the intersection of 17th street and Avenue M which will provide the opportunity to build another 24 homes. We have been able to acquire TIF financing; so, we are waiting for an appropriate time to let bids for the infrastructure needed to enable us to build in 2015.

In January, we added new board members so that we remain a viable and active group. The new board members are Craig Lathrop, Jim McKenzie, Ken Mumm, Darrell Teply, and Mel Wiens. They have become an active support of our mission.

We continue to expand our ministry of building homes for God's people in need and will continue to serve those in the Kearney area. We hope you will join us for the home dedications later this fall. You can find out when and where they are by volunteering, talking to someone who is at the worksite or on our website.

We can always use more volunteers and funds. It costs \$66,000 for each house built and with the costs of infrastructure for lots, we will need all the funds that we can generate.

You can keep up with the "goings on" of KAHfH by coming to the jobsite on Saturdays, following our progress at habitat.kearney.net or listening each week to the message on info hub at 234-4636 ext. 4310

In the Family Support portion of the newsletter, you will be introduced to three very worthy families who we feel so proud to support.

Join us in any way you can in the ministry of building houses for God's people in need.



From Behind the Hammer

— Jerry Marlatt, Building Superintendent

The building committee has been very busy trying to keep up with the weather this year. We finally got the footings dug on the third house at 1404 E. 16th St. for Ivan and Ruby and then it **rained!** We needed the rain, but not in the footings! We had to pump the water out and were able to pour the footings and foundation on the following Thursday. After several rains later, we now have the heating pipes and plumbing in and, hopefully, by the time you read this, the floor will be poured and the framing will be up.

The other houses are coming along really well. The vinyl and cabinets and carpet are going in at 815 Avenue B for Laura's house. The door jams are ready to go into Jack and Marsha's house at 1406 E. 16th St. There is a lot of work to be done yet this year but with a lot of effort from everyone, the three houses will get done.

Come help us build simple, decent houses for God's people in need. We work each and every Saturday during the build season.

AND, a small dedicated group works on Tuesdays and Thursdays. (They even labored on Labor Day weekend.) You can check out our progress on the website <http://habitat.kearney.net>



Weekday work crew taking a well deserved break

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!

A few weeks ago we sent a letter to 80 current and past members of the Carpenter's Club asking for their continued financial support. Within three weeks 56 folks responded with donations totaling \$13,800 in checks and pledges for even more. We humbly say THANK YOU to these awesome folks! They understand that building three homes takes real money (\$198,000) even when volunteer labor is doing the construction work.

What is the Carpenter's Club? It consists of individuals, businesses, churches, service clubs or groups who pledge a set amount (of their choosing) for each of the three homes we build that year. Some pledge \$50 / home for an annual total of \$150. The amounts range up to \$1,000 per home for each of 3 built in a year, a total of \$3,000. One hundred percent of this money goes to buy building materials or lots to build on. This steady source of funds is crucial to the continued building of simple, decent, affordable homes for and with God's people in need!

It would be a blessing of great importance if you, the reader of this article, or a group you belong to would join our Carpenter's Club! Think of the impact if we had 120 contributing members. Combine that with the monthly house principal payments from the current homeowners and the very special \$30,000 donation from Wells Fargo Bank and the work we do continues!

Just call the office 308-234-6060 leave word that you want to join, email kahfh@yahoo.com, OR you can send a check with a note to Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity, 1815 First Ave., Kearney, Ne. 68847.

All three homes are now under construction for 2014. The addresses are 815 Avenue B, 1404 East 16th Street and 1406 East 16th Street. Drive by on a Saturday morning and see the gospel of Jesus Christ in action with families and volunteers working side by side to build a house that will become a home.

—Jim McKenzie

Jim at work with fellow board members. Your support makes this possible



Scholarship Committee

Elane Wilcox was one of the original members of the Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity board and was the first Hospitality Chair for Saturday builds. She believed that volunteer workers should have coffee and rolls at Devotion Time and that they should be provided lunch for all their hard work rather than having to bring a sack lunch. She was known as a tireless worker and a very generous and compassionate lady. *Elane's Food Shack* was built and started in her honor. Elane died in January of 2010, but not before she planned a donation to Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity to be used at their discretion.

Another of Elane's loves was education. Because the whole idea behind Habitat for Humanity is to give people in need a "hand up", the Board voted to establish a scholarship program for Kearney Area Homeowners and their families to pursue higher education, to improve job skills through training programs, and to provide an opportunity for participation in the English Language Institute classes at UNK with the Wilcox funds. The scholarship, or stipend, is for \$500 per semester provided for two years, for a total of \$2,000 per student.

In the Fall of 2013 we mailed announcements of this opportunity to all of our current homeowners (44 letters). As a result of that mailing we were happy to award seven \$500 scholarships in the Fall of 2013 to children of homeowners attending UNK and Central Community College in Kearney and in Hastings. Three of those students received scholarships in the Spring semester of 2014 in addition to one taking a massage class in Omaha and one taking the English Language Institute class. Once we have determined where the applicant is attending school, the scholarship money is sent to the school to be credited to the student's account. The student must verify with us the maintenance of a 2.25 Grade Point Average to continue to receive the stipend.

The Kearney Area HFH affiliate is thrilled to be able to provide this "hand up" to our homeowners and their children and thank Elane Wilcox for her belief in the mission of Habitat. We hope that we are fulfilling her dream in one more way.

If you would like to help us continue this mission, please feel free to contribute to the Wilcox Scholarship fund at Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity at 1815 First Avenue, Kearney.

—Cindy Barney, Bonnie Mumm, Ken Mumm

Report from Randall

During the 2014 Kearney Habitat build season, there are 30+ Saturday build days. The Church Relations Committee is responsible for finding meal providers for our volunteer workers on every one of these. As in past years, I am happy to report that various churches, civic organizations, and businesses have generously been willing to provide meals for our volunteer workers during this build season.

We would like give a great big THANK YOU to all who have provided noon meals and morning devotions for our tireless volunteers.

—Randall Heckman, committee of one

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KAHfH NEEDS

- ◆ We need **Volunteers**: Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday or all three. Do you have a group who would enjoy giving back and having some fun while you're at it? KAHfH is just the place.
- ◆ We need hostesses for the Saturday build days. (See Hospitality Report)
- ◆ We need groups to provide lunch and devotions for the Saturday build days.
- ◆ We need Ideas for Fundraisers. Maybe the Ice Bucket Challenge.....
- ◆ We need a photographer for each Saturday. These photos go into an album that is presented to the family at their dedication and one for KAHfH too.
- ◆ We need Nurture Partners: A person/family to work with the prospective homeowner as they go through the building process. Someone to help with the stress of it all.
- ◆ We need Board Members for 2015 and beyond.

Prayerfully, consider your donation of time, talent or resources.

KAHfH needs YOU!

Address changes & Other Business

Call 234-6030 (office)

kahfh@yahoo.com

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 your changes via email.

Hospitality at its best

We are having a great year with lots of help from some dedicated ladies. I would like to thank the following for being there on Saturdays, even when it is 95 degrees, and preparing the site so that our volunteers can have a friendly face to greet them, a coffee break in the morning and lunch at noon. These ladies are wonderful workers and I so appreciate all that they have done for our Kearney affiliate.

Edith Marlatt

Pam Miller

Beth Forbess

Pat Skiles

Sue Broeker

Carol Dawes

Sister Patty Rinn

Sister Patty Rinn has a wonderful group of ladies that she "shares the joy" with at St. James Catholic Church. I am sorry that I don't have all of their names, but know that we appreciate all that you do for us.

And if you are reading this and think this might be something that you and a friend would like to do on a Saturday each month, let me know (440-1709) and we will find a spot for you during the 2015 build season.

—Bonnie Mumm, Hospitality Chair

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Habitat has lots.....Habitat has prospective homeowners....Habitat needs volunteers and funds

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 7 a.m. news
on Saturday**
- ◇ **www.habitat.kearney.net**
- ◇ **Facebook**

The first home dedication of 2014 will be happening in
October. This is an event that you don't want to miss.
The ceremony is impressive, the hospitality committee
serves cake and punch and the joy of the homeowners is
PRICELESS. This dedication will be announced in the
Kearney Hub on KGFW, on the website and Facebook.
If you are a newsletter email subscriber, you will get an
email notice, too.



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