

Two More Families with New Homes

Abbie Jones and her son Kyren received the keys to their new home at **1204 16th Ave** on September 24, 2009. Pastor Doug Shada, *Cornerstone Berean Church*, offered prayer to begin the ceremony and gave the House Blessing at it's conclusion.

Abbie's mom, Mary George was her Work Partner and presented the Bible as well as providing the cake for the reception following the home tour. Glenda Frasier, *Kearney Literacy Council*, presented a basket of books to the family. The traditional "Fudge Box" was presented by Roger Hoffman and the House Keys by Kay Payne, both from the Habitat Building Committee.

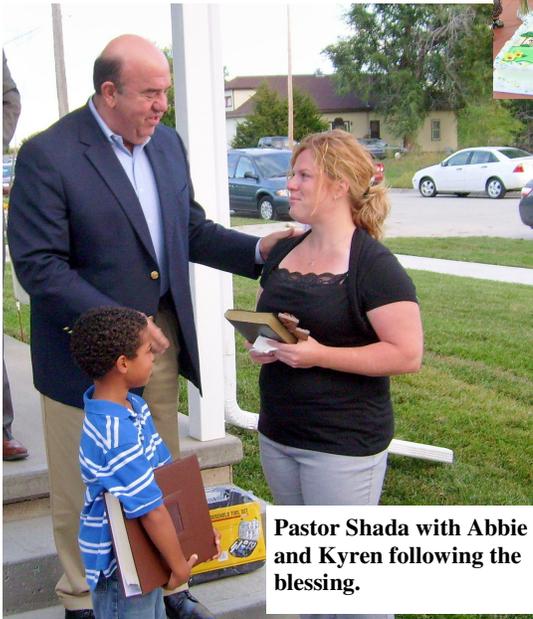


1206 16th Ave became home to Tina Sheets and her daughter Holly Klingelhofer on October 15th. They are shown above with Building Chairman, Jerry Marlatt in a tearful/joyful moment as he presents the keys.

Edith Marlatt is Tina and Holly's Nurture Partner and presented the Bible & Cross as well as providing the cakes. Rev. Rebecca Hellje, First UM Church was the presiding clergy and Bob Peterson gave the Fudge Box, a toolkit to help the new owners maintain their home. Music was provided by, *Cabriolet*. One of it's members, Judy Drown is a dedicated Habitat volunteer in the painting department. Again, Merv Schliefert was there with the Photo Album and Glenda Frasier with a basket of books.



Tina and Holly are some of Habitat's most dedicated volunteers. They accumulated 1143 hours with the required number being 400. The building committee has lost count of the number of attics that Holly has helped to insulate.



Pastor Shada with Abbie and Kyren following the blessing.



This is Habitat's first certified Energy Star home due to the efforts of many volunteers.

BACK to SCHOOL.....Charlie Pickens explained the basics of KAHFH at Meadowlark Elementary School on October 5th as a part of their PAWS program. He spoke to the K-3 grades at 8:30 and the 4-5th grades at 9:00. Charlie explained WHO we are, WHAT we do, WHY we do what we do and HOW the students and their families can help. The students plan to make a banner for the homeowners

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Ready to Build Homes in Vietnam

Former U.S. President and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, will lead the annual Habitat for Humanity build bearing their name in five Asian countries from November 15-20.

The Carters and nearly 3,000 volunteers from around the world will build and repair 166 homes in Thailand, Vietnam, China, Cambodia and Laos – all countries along the Mekong River. In the Mekong River Basin, nearly one-fifth of the population lives in poverty—many on less than the equivalent of one US dollar per day, according to the CIA World Factbook.

“In an area of the world where many people live in deplorable conditions, we have a chance to help families improve their housing,” said former President Jimmy Carter. “Over the years I have seen the lasting impact Habitat for Humanity volunteers can have, and I have been personally touched by the work they are doing around the world.”

Twelve volunteers from Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity will be among the 3000 volunteers. The group will leave Kearney on the 12th of November and fly to Hanoi. There they will join other volunteers from around the world in building thirty-two houses side by side with Habitat homeowners in Vietnam’s Dong Xa village near Hanoi.

The group will be lead by house leader, Jerry Marlatt, who has led house builds in Mexico, South Africa, The Philippines, South Dakota, and Kentucky.

The homes will be 36 square meters each and will be made of “homemade” concrete blocks with steel roof sheets, a simple PVC plumbing system and simple electricity. They will look like the one here. Most of the new homeowners have never lived on land as their primary residence is a small fishing boat in the river.



Volunteers from Kearney are: Judy Drown, Alice Heckman, Randall Heckman, Roger Hoffman, Jerry Marlatt, Ken Mumm, Jan Paxson, Tom Paxson, Kay Payne, Roger Payne, Michael Smith and Rita Wright.

The volunteers will return to Kearney on November 26. Most will be available to give presentations to groups in the area. And, watch for news of their trip in a future newsletter. They hope to establish a blog on-line while in Viet Nam so watch our Habitat website for more news from the building sites.

www.kearney.habitat.net

Thanks to kearney.net and Tim for hosting our website.

Habitat’s New Partner



Tina & Holly receive their basket of books



Glenda presents book basket to Abby & Kyren

Walden Books has a community outreach program that invites customers to donate a book as they make a purchase. Manager Laura Tadlock, contacted her friend Glenda Frasier of the *Kearney Area Literacy Council* for ideas on how to distribute these donations. And, a new partnership was born. Remember this program as you shop at Waldens!

Deb Gant was our 42nd homeowner as part of the Blitz Build - 2006 and she needs our help and prayers. She has cancer and is undergoing treatment, much of which is not covered by insurance. Deb has two children still at home and wants to keep her family home. Thrivent for Lutherans, Three Rivers Branch will be providing matching funds up to \$800 at this benefit planned for Deb and her family. Please contact Cindy Erickson at 308-388-2309 if you would like to donate for the Silent Auction or to the fund that has been established.

**Saturday
November 7, 2009
5-7 pm
Zion Lutheran Church Gym
Soup Supper
& Silent Auction**

Please keep Deb in your prayers!



From Behind the Hammer

Thanks to all of the wonderful volunteer help, we dedicated our third house of this year on Oct. 15th. This now makes 54 that KAHFH has completed in Kearney since it was started in 1992. We are now working on house number four for Aurora Maaska and her children. This is a four bedroom house located at 208 E 13th St. with lots of work left to do. If everything goes as planned and the weather co-operates, we should have a mid December dedication. See you there!

—*Jerry Marlatt*, Building Superintendent

From the Lady behind the Man behind Hammer.....*Edith Marlatt*

The experience of being Nurture Partner for Tina and Holly has been great. They have been an inspiring couple of people to work with. The October 15th dedication was the culmination of many hours of dreaming and planning AND hard work that they have spent this year and last, with the help of all the volunteers. This was an awesome celebration. There were plenty of smiles and tears all around. Bonnie Mumm and her committee always come up with just the right touch as we celebrated with presentations, special music and cake and punch and of course turning the keys over to yet another deserving family.

If anyone thinks they would like to experience being a Habitat Nurture Partner please call Marijean Methe or leave your name with your request on the Habitat phone line. I think you will find it a rewarding use of your time.



From Behind the Gavel

Another year and another mad dash down the home stretch. We have three new Habitat family homes and a fourth house in process. Another partnership with Wells Fargo provided us with an additional \$30,000 in funding. Now, the search continues for qualified prospective home owners for 2010 and 2011 and we are always in need of good, inexpensive lots to build on.

Blessings continue for KAHFH as we celebrate our success !! It's amazing to stop and reflect on the number of people touched by Habitat in the past 17 years here in Kearney. A prime example was experienced last week at the dedication. It was heart wrenching to listen to Holly Klingelhofer tell us how she and her Mom were alone, without a family, for eight long years until they found Habitat. She exclaimed, "Now, we have a family"! After the dedication, Tina's sister from California asked to say a few words on behalf of the 80+ relatives in California. Many times they had asked Tina to come home but after she came to Kearney to visit and share in the home building, her sister said, "Kearney is Tina's home and Habitat is her family". Moments like these make us realize that, YES, it is all worth it, a thousand times over.

I am also proud to share that UNK has re-formed a student Habitat organization. I have seen them active on the worksite and look forward to seeing that group continue to grow. On October 9th the UNK Habitat group partnered with Kearney Area United Way in promoting awareness of the growing problem of homelessness. After hearing a speaker who has lived among the homeless, a soup line supper and a movie, the group was invited to spend the night in their car or sleeping on the ground.

THANK YOU to all you have helped make this organization what it is today. I challenge you to take a moment and share the story of Kearney Area Habitat with someone. The more people we can "infect" with the blessings of Habitat the better. And, please join us at the next dedication to experience the magic!

—*Ryan Ideus*, President

Newsletter SCHEDULE

Habitat Newsletter will use the following schedule for 2010.

- Issue One — **January '10**
- Issue Two—**April '10**
- Issue Three—**July '10**
- Issue Four—**October '10**

Check the web for color photos, announcements, updates, etc.

Schedule is subject to change

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2009 Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity

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- VACANT* Vice-President
- Kay Payne*.Treasurer
- Bonnie Mumm*Secretary

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- Marijean Methe & Peg Baer* Family Nurture
- Fred Kempf* Family Selection
- VACANT* Fund Raising
- Bonnie Mumm* Hospitality
- Ryan Krantz* Public Relations & Volunteer Coordinator
- Laura Love*. Site Selection
- Cindy Barney* Finance
- Jerry Marlatt* Building

Other Members

- Joe Methe, Barbara Clark,*
- Suzanne Maughan, Bob Hobbs*
- Cory Christians, Roy Muesch,*
- Sandy Cook-Fong, Roger Hoffman*

We will need members for 2010

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Habitat needs qualified prospective homeowners. Please contact the KAHFH office with your ideas.

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.

Schedule: InfoLine 234-4636 Selection 4310

Work site information is also given on KGFW during the 7 a.m. news on Saturday and on www.habitat.kearney.net

Children from 8 to 14 must have a one-on-one adult sponsor (18 or over.) Those 15 and older may work without supervision, unless they are a part of an organized group...then a group sponsor is requested. Children under 8 are discouraged

Thanks for donating in 2009

COOK SHACK: Paper goods—*Cash Wa*; Pastries—*Daylight Donut*; Ice—*McDonalds East*; Soda—*Coca Cola/ Dr. Pepper of Kearney—Sunmart*; Bottled Water—*Culligan & Frontier*

PHOTO Develop: WalMart, Walgreens, Target, Bob's Super Store

BUILDING: ABC Seamless, Ace Irrigation, Cudaback Backhoe, CDH Electric, D & M Construction, Dandee Concrete, Diamond Vogel, Dave Waggoner Plumbing, Nathan's Curb Cutting, Newman's Sharpening, Pep Co, Yellow Van

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