



**Kearney Area**

**Habitat for Humanity®**

Building houses in partnership with God's people in need

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## 2008 Appreciation Celebration \* Annual Meeting

On February 10, 2009 the Habitat faithful met to share a bountiful potluck meal with many thanks to the board members and spouses who prepared the food. Office Assistant Julie Adams slide show of the 51 homes & homeowners since KAHFH's founding was shown!

President, Joe Methe, recognized Troy Brockmeier, president of *Wells Fargo Bank* in Kearney for their continued generous support of Habitat through their grant program He, in turn recognized Ryan Ideus, bank officer for preparing the paperwork that made these gifts possible. Methe also recognized Stan Hoff, president of the *West Central NE Homebuilders Association* for their continued support and in particular their completion of a Blitz build home in 2008. Hoff indicated the group was humbled and honored to be recognized.

Two of the 2008 homeowners, Christine Vauthrin and her two children and Albina Lammers were present and recognized. Tina Sheets and daughter Holly, Tina Hunter, Aurora Maska and Abbie Jones were introduced as our 2009 homeowners-in-waiting.

Outgoing board member Charlie Pickens was thanked for his service. Fund Raising Chair Pat Munro, who died during 2008, was recognized for her service. Methe also noted that Millard Fuller, the man who started Habitat, had passed away just that week. The group had a moment of silence in recognition of him and his contributions to families all over the world.

Laura Love, Site Selection chair reported that we have enough lots to last through this year and most of 2010 but more land is desperately needed. The dream is a plot of land to develop for a Habitat community.

Marijean Methe and her Family Nurture co-chair Peg Baer, with their committee, helps to find Nurture Partners for the prospective homeowners and provides many other tools to help prepare for home ownership.

According to Ryan Ideus, tremendous monetary and volunteer support was again received from area churches. Merv Schliefert Brian Benitz and Ryan Grabenstein were recognized for their help with Church Relations.

Ryan Krantz reported a busy year with the 50th Home Celebration for Public Relations. Krantz is also in charge of keeping the flow of volunteers coming. 2008 fund raising was "over the top" with the Carpenter Club's continuing support and outstanding grants.

Cindy Barney believes she has the best job in Habitat because she gets to visit with homeowners on a regular basis as she manages all 34 active and current mortgages. KAHFH put \$3.76 million of valuation back into the Kearney community through tax roles - \$70,000 each year and growing each year.

Providing a meal and snacks at Elane's Food Shack is the goal of Bonnie Mumm and her Hospitality committee and they also plan the dedications. This is one of the best parts according to Bonnie so

watch for the dedications so that you can see the smiles on the homeowners faces when they receive the keys to their homes.

Jerry Marlatt recognized members of the Building Committee: Gordon Sukstorf, Jim Swanson, Kay Payne, Rita Wright, Randy Heckman, Milt Kotrc, Roger Hoffman, Ken Mumm, and Gary Arentson. Thanks to all for a very successful building season.

The Annual Meeting was conducted with Rhonda Anderson and Bob Hobbs being elected to the board. Ryan Ideus assumed presidency of the board leaving a vacancy for Vice president Kay Payne is our new treasurer with the other officers/board members listed on page three.

**See the website [www.habitat.kearney.net](http://www.habitat.kearney.net) for photos and names of the board as well as photos from the worksite and MUCH more.**

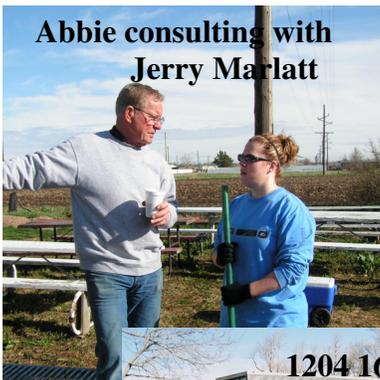
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## Homeowner Introductions—Homes One & Two

At the Annual Meeting, Abbie Jones, told of her participation, along with the other three homeowners, in the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University course at First UM Church. This is offered free of charge to homeowners. Jones said that the two hour weekly class instructed them about budgeting, planning, and investments. It is a hands-on "how-to" program that helps people think about where they are spending their money and how to be more efficient in budgeting.



**Abbie consulting with Jerry Marlatt**

Abbie was very enthusiastic about the program and felt it would help her for the rest of her life.

She is shown here working on her home at 1204 16th Ave.



**1204 16th Avenue**



**1910 7th Avenue**

Tina Hunter and her son Bradley will make 1912 7th Ave. their new address this summer. The home was started last summer and is well on its way to completion. Drywall had been finished so a primer coat of paint went up on April 18th. This is Tina before she got her pretty jacket covered with white primer.



### Selection Committee Seeks New Blood

Well, we don't really want blood; just some people who have a heart willing to transplant their talents into the committee that investigates and chooses families to qualify for Habitat Housing.

We are looking for people who will be open-minded about marital status, age, nationality, work history, almost anything that people might be judgmental about. That is one thing we don't do, just as it says in our scriptures, "Judge not that ye be not judged."

We are looking for people who will evaluate information fairly, work well with others, who have leadership skill and about 1-2 hours a month at the most to contribute as needed. We don't meet every month.

Please contact Fred Kempf at 308-237-7810 if you want more information about serving our Lord in this way.

### Board hears of Global Initiative

The KAHFH Board met for their regular meeting and an annual retreat on March 10th at the Harmon Park Activity Center. New board members were welcomed and introduced to Habitat 101.

Goals set at the 2008 retreat were evaluated and their effectiveness was judged. Overall, it was agreed that we had done a commendable job but there is always room for improvement.

A new goal for 2009 was brought to us by Ken Mumm, our facilitator, as part of a national workshop he had attended on tithing. His presentation was: *Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity.....A Global Perspective*. The 2009 Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project will focus on the Mekong region – defined to include Vietnam, Yunnan province in China, Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia – which has seen significant economic growth in the past 20 years. Yet it is still home to some of the poorest families in Asia. Nearly one third of the population of an estimated 250 million lives in poverty, many living on less than the equivalent of one US dollar a day.

**Watch for much more on this world wide imitative in the near future.**

**From Behind the Hammer**

We have had a very good start to our construction season. (even when the weather has not cooperated.) Thanks to ALL who have helped so far. We are especially thankful to the UNK groups who have given of their strength and vigor. So far we have completed the insulating, drywall, and the interior primer coat of paint for the house at 1910 7th Ave. (Your newsletter editor helped with that first coat of paint and I found some muscles that hadn't been used recently.)

We have dug footings and put in the foundations and sand filled those foundations for both the houses at 1204 and 1206 16th Ave, Thanks to all the UNK volunteers, we also have the walls all framed and waiting at the warehouse to be installed in both of these houses. By the time you get this news letter these walls should be up and we will be ready to put up the trusses and the roofing.

We hope you will continue to help us as the summer progresses and if you know of any groups that would like to help, please encourage them to do so. Our home owners for this building season are: Tina Hunter, Abbie Jones, Tina Sheets and Aurora Maaska. (You will meet Tina S and Aurora in the next issue.)

The "Tuesday and Thursday Morning" work group has been very active this year. We are averaging about 10 to 12 people each of these mornings. If you are looking for something meaningful to do, with a little coffee fellowship thrown in, then this is a good group to become a part of. You are always welcome both during the week and on Saturdays. No special skills needed, just an open mind and willing hands.

.....*Jerry Marlatt*

**Share the Story of Habitat.....*Build Loud***

**From Behind the Gavel**

Yes, we have started the 17th year of Kearney Area Habitat. None of this would be possible without the dedicated individuals that work hard to continue to improve this wonderful organization, year after year. Let me take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your time, talent, and treasures!

Last year we asked at our annual banquet that you pray for families to rise up for us to build for. Those prayers have been temporarily answered as we have homeowners into 2010. This year we asked for prayers to provide us lots to build on. At this time we have just enough lots for the homeowner's we have selected. Again, we ask for your prayers for lots of lots AND homeowners.

Currently we are applying for multiple grants. We are working with Miller and Associates on a community development grant as well as looking for funding from our faithful givers Wells Fargo and US Bank. We have been blessed that these two banks, year after year, are able to make grant dollars available specifically for Habitat for Humanity.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity. Again, without you, none of this would have been possible. **Share the story of Habitat when you get a chance ... "Build Loud!"**

.....*Ryan Ideus*

**Newsletter SCHEDULE**

The Habitat Newsletter will use the following schedule for 2009.

Issue Three—**July, 09**  
*On the road to new homes*

Issue Three—**October, 09**  
*The fruits of our labors*

Schedule is subject to change

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with submissions, etc.

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**2009 Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity**

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

**Committee Chairpersons**

- Brandon Benitz* . Church Relations
- 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,*
- Rhonda Anderson*

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**Habitat needs LOTS & and/or LAND to develop. Please contact the KAHFH office with your ideas.**

## **BUILDING SCHEDULE**

Saturday building begins at 8:00 a.m.

**No work on May 23 & July 4**

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.kenarney.net](http://www.habitat.kenarney.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 from the work site due to safety concerns.*

## **Thanks for donating in 2009**

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

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