

## Habitat is recognized by Kearney Area Chamber

KAHFH is proud to be honored with the Diversity Business Award by the KACC at their Annual Banquet on January 25, 2011. It was nominated by Ken & Bonnie Mumm, long time Habitat volunteers, at the urging of Carolyn Menke, one of our photographers. The Mums noted that the families and volunteers at Habitat are a diverse ethnic and cultural mix. Habitat vice-president, Brandon Benitz accepted the award on behalf of the Habitat Board, several of whom were in attendance. He noted the importance of the work of Habitat in providing the opportunity for 58 Kearney families to earn new homes of their own since 1992. He also mentioned the tithe dollars that have been sent around the world to help build homes for numerous other families.

**Habitat Appreciation Dinner - February 8th at 6 p.m. First Presbyterian Church, 4511 6th Ave**



*Jorge & Fidelia and their children, Mariel-Melanie-Karla-Jorge-Diego*

Chavez family

*Glenda Frasier* from the Literacy Council presented their “Basket of Books” for the family.

*Fidelia* gave a tearful and joyful THANKS and expressed the families deep appreciation to all who had helped them to achieve their goal of a new home.

The Dedication Ceremony concluded with a traditional Hispanic House Blessing by Fr. Josh. All of the rooms in the home, with emphasis on the doorways, received this blessing. The Chavez family and friends treated their guests to some traditional Mexican foods to go with the usual cake and punch.

On November 5, 2010 KAHFH held the first home dedication of the year at **210 East 13th** for the Chavez family.

*Ryan Ideus*, Habitat president welcomed the guests and *Fr. Josh Brown*, St. James Catholic Church gave the Invocation. Work Partner, *Gloria Vasquez* presented the Bible and Cross and helped with interpretation for the guests. *Milt Koutric* presented the “Fudge Box” (tool kit) and *Kay Payne* presented the coveted House Keys. Both are from the Building Committee. *Ryan Ideus* did the presentation from Bruce Furniture and *Merv Schliefert* presented the traditional Photo Album. Music was provided by the *First Four Quartet* from First Lutheran.



Photos by Carolyn Menke

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**Bobbie Carson** with her son **Shawn** and daughter **Riley** received the keys to their new home at 1308 East 16th Street on November 19, 2010. *Brandon Benitz*, Habitat VP welcomed the guests. Pastor *Eric Rozean*, New Life Assembly did the Invocation followed by music from the *First Four Quartet*. The Bruce Furniture gift certificate (for one full/queen bed or two twin beds) was presented by Brandon. *Glenda Frasier* presented a Basket of Books on behalf of the Kearney Literacy Council and *Merv Schliefert* did Photo Album duties. Work Partner, *Tina Sheets* made a moving and tearful presentation of the Bible & Cross. The Fudge Box was given by Building Committee member *Gary Arenston*. His fellow member *Randall Heckman* had the privilege of presenting the coveted House Keys.



Bobbie and son Sean gave their thanks and gratitude to all who had helped with making their new home possible. After music from First Four and a Benediction from Pastor Eric, the guests were treated to cake and goodies and a tour of the home.

**It is truly a blessing to be a part of a home dedication.**



Photos by Carolyn Menke

Merv Schliefert presented the Photo Albums to all the homeowners. They were prepared with the assistance of his wife Bev.



**Rachelle Carey** and sons, **Alex** and **Ty** were presented the keys to their home at **1310 E 16th Street**.

On December 3rd, Habitat President, *Ryan Ideus* welcomed the guests and VP, *Brandon Benitz* gave the Invocation with opening music from *First Four Quartet* (They also closed the ceremony). Work Partner, *Mary George* presented the Bible and Cross and *Jim Swanson* gave the Fudge Box (homeowner tool kit). The House Keys were presented by *Ken Mumm* (not sure who was the happiest). Jim and Ken are members of the tireless building committee. *Rachelle* expressed her thanks and appreciation to all who helped her family achieve a new home. Brandon gave the Benediction followed by closing remarks from Ryan. The evening concluded with cake and other goodies and a tour of the home.



Photos by Ken Mumm







## From Behind the Hammer

This last year we built houses for three families. The first was a four bedroom with an extra bath in the laundry room. The second and third houses are three bedrooms, all with unique features. Each family has input in both design and colors inside and out. It is truly their home!

Each family we build for is unique and we enjoy the personal relationships we develop over the building season. These relationships continue as the years go by. The houses this year were numbers 56, 57, and 58. You too can be a part of the legacy that Habitat for Humanity has been building in Kearney since 1993. As you participate as a volunteer on Saturdays (or Tuesdays and Thursday mornings) you can feel the satisfaction and pride of being a part of this ongoing project.

This winter our UNK affiliate will be working on some designated Saturdays. They will be building some new picnic tables for the worksite and maybe a lawn shed or two. We also look forward to seeing them on the building site this spring. They are an active group and have a representative at our board meetings.

Of course our faithful building committee will be busy planning and getting ready for the next building season. That committee, chaired by Jerry Marlatt, for 2011 includes Gary Arentsen, Randall Heckman, Roger Hoffman, Milt Kotrc, Ken Mumm, Kay Payne, Bob Peterson, Jim Swanson, Gordon Sukstorf and Rita Wright.

We are looking forward in 2011 to again build three new houses. The families have been selected and official work will begin the end of March or ... depending on our Nebraska weather. We will keep you posted on the Info line: Dial 234 INFO and then enter 4310 when prompted. We will also have a notice in the HUB and on KGFW on Saturday morning.

We thank all who have helped this year either by working or contributing in some other way. This is a project that takes the help of many hands. Remember: *God has no hands but our hands.*

..... *Jerry Marlatt*, Building Superintendent



## From Behind the Gavel

With sadness, we report that our Habitat president, Ryan Ideus, has resigned from the board as he moves on to new employment with a bank in Wahoo. This will allow he and Stacy to be much closer to family and make it possible for Stacy to pursue a full time career in photography. They will complete their move after their house in Kearney is sold. Ryan plans to be with us at Annual Meeting so we can say a proper "so long".

Our president-elect, Brandon Benitz has taken over the reins a little early and is getting a feel for the job ahead of him this year. He has already announced some exciting plans for 2010 and beyond.

We also had two more resignations this past year. Marijean Methe recently has turned over the reins of Family Nurture to Peg Baer and Tina Sheets. Tom Paxon had to leave us early in the year to assist in his wife's recovery from health issues.

*KAHFH is privileged to have an AmeriCore volunteer serve with us this year. Wilson Rivas is a UNK student from Omaha. He is anxious to make a difference at Habitat with his talents as a translator, among many other things. We plan to keep him busy.*

## Newsletter SCHEDULE

Schedule is subject to change

Issue Two—April '11  
Issue Three—August '11  
Issue Four—January '12

Check the web at  
[www.habitat.kearney.net](http://www.habitat.kearney.net) for color photos, updates, etc.

Contact  
**barb.d.clark@gmail.com**  
with submissions, etc.

## Address Changes & Other Business

Call 234-6030 (office)

**kahfh@yahoo.com**

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## 2010 Kearney Area Habitat for Humanity

*Ryan Ideus* . . . . . President  
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*Rita Wright* . . . . . Secretary

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*Brandon Benitz* .Church Relations  
*Marijean Methe & Peg Baer* . . . . .  
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### Other Members

*Barbara Clark, Tom Hardekopf, Randall Heckman, Josh Jeldon, Roger Hoffman, Tom Paxon, Tina Sheets, Carlos Fernando Segura*

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Kearney Area

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**Habitat needs qualified prospective homeowners.**

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

Building Schedule will resume on March 26th  
"Subject to Weather Conditions"

***Habitat Appreciation Dinner  
and Annual Meeting***

February 8, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.

**First Presbyterian Church**

4511 6th Ave  
Kearney, NE

The KAHFH Board and committees furnish the potluck meal in honor of the volunteers who provide their time, talents and monetary gifts. The Annual Meeting, committee reports and entertainment will follow the meal.

PLEASE come and bring your appetite!

**Thanks for donating in 2010**

*Habitat wishes to thank everyone who donated anything and everything, including (most of all) your valuable time.*

A "Thank You" ad will be run in the Kearney Hub on Feb. 3rd acknowledging all who have served KAHFH during the past year. Please accept our apologies if your name(s) (or company name) is not on the list.



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