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**Generous Bequest to Help Fund New Habitat
for Humanity Home to Begin on Monday**

Mason City, IA (Sept 25, 2009) – Habitat for Humanity of North Central Iowa (NCI) will be celebrating the groundbreaking of the next Habitat house to be constructed in Mason City. This home will be built by volunteers for Trena Roppe and her daughters. Funding for this home comes through a bequest from former Mason City residents, Bob and Sandy Krieger. Bob Krieger was a founder of Clear Lake's TeamQuest Corp. He and Sandy were strong Habitat supporters and believed in its mission of giving families in need a "hand up" not a "hand out."

Sandy experienced a tough childhood and didn't take anything for granted. By designating Habitat in her will, she decided to help out someone else in the same boat. Bob was known for his generous heart, as well as for lending a hand when needed. "One of Bob's famous quotes was 'Because it was the right thing to do,' said Terry Wisner of TeamQuest. "Certainly this fits that bill."

"This bequest is wonderful way for Mr. and Mrs. Krieger to give back to the community and leave a lasting legacy that will forever change the lives of this family," said Melissa Schoneberg, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity NCI.

"Trena and her daughters will be a wonderful asset for this area of town, and we are so thankful to the Kriegers for making this build possible."

The community is invited to join with the family, friends and Habitat volunteers this Monday, September 28 at 5:30pm at 800 6th Street SW to celebrate the beginning of construction with a brief groundbreaking ceremony. The rain date will be scheduled for the following Monday, October 5th. This will be the first opportunity Habitat has had to build a home in this area of Mason City, and they hope to build another home on the adjoining lot next year.

Volunteers are continuing construction at homes in Clear Lake and Mason City with the goal of completing these homes by the holidays. Habitat is now accepting applications for partner families for 2010 and is also currently searching for families interested in living in both Forest City and Belmond. Please contact the office at (641) 424-8978 to donate, volunteer, or to get more information on becoming a partner family.

About Habitat for Humanity of North Central Iowa

Habitat for Humanity is a not-for-profit ecumenical, Christian housing ministry that utilizes volunteer labor and donations to build simple, decent, affordable houses for families who would otherwise be unable to afford home ownership. The homes are sold to qualified families with 1% down and 0% interest loans. Habitat also operates a ReStore, a home improvement discount outlet selling new and gently used merchandise to the public in which the proceeds support the home builds. **1411 South Taft Ave., Mason City, Iowa 50401, 641-424-8978, www.habitatnci.org Now serving: Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, Winnebago, Worth and Wright counties.** —END—