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Family Enjoys Disney World Reward For Volunteer Efforts With Habitat

While volunteers, by definition, don't get paid, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity North Central Iowa paid off in a big way for one Mason City family.

Derek and Laura Jacobsen and their three children were rewarded for their volunteer efforts with free tickets to Disney World in Orlando, Fla. The reward was part of Disney's "Give a Day, Get a Disney Day" program to celebrate and inspire volunteerism.

"Derek had heard about it in late November and he had a conference in Orlando in February," Laura says. "We wanted to take the kids to Disney World so he did some research on the Disney website and then talked to Chuck (Habitat's Construction Supervisor) about what we could do. The Habitat office was really, really great to work with to help us get it done quickly."

The Jacobsens did their volunteer work in January. Derek, the director of Youth For Christ in Mason City, worked construction on a Habitat home, helping install molding and trim. Laura and daughter Katie, 6,



Music Man Square
Mason City

Sunday, May 2nd
6:30 p.m.

Featuring music by area
bands, soloists, church
groups and praise bands.

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- \$10 = Box of nails
- \$35 = Roof shingles
- \$75 = Window
- \$100 = Kitchen sink
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- \$300 = Lighting
- \$500 = Bathtub
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- \$2,000 = Flooring

created 50 homemade Thank You cards for Habitat, using stamping and stickers as well as some of Katie's personal artwork. Mom and son Tyler, 10, created four pieces of artwork using "Wordle", a computer program that combines words - such as the name of family and words to describe them - and colors into art. Each of the four pieces was matted and framed; two were presented to new Habitat homeowners, one went to the Habitat office and the fourth was created as a Volunteer Appreciation plaque.

"It was a neat opportunity for our children to learn about caring for someone else - and even getting a reward in return," says Laura.

Tyler and Katie used snow days in January to create their volunteer projects, and on Jan. 31 reaped the reward: their day at Disney World. Their sister, Hannah, 3, also joined in the fun.

"They loved it," Laura says. "Katie got to meet the Disney princesses and got their autographs. Tyler loves Space Mountain and I think he rode it three times!"

The goal of the "Give a Day, Get a Disney Day" program was to inspire 1 million people to volunteer a day of service in their communities. The program was originally scheduled to continue into December 2010, but overwhelming support allowed Disney to reach its goal early and the program was discontinued in March.

Bands, Singers Needed To "Raise the Roof"



Bands, singers and musicians
who like to perform -- and help
raise money for a good cause --

have an opportunity to do both at Habitat for Humanity North Central Iowa's "Raise the Roof" concert this spring.

The concert is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Music Man Square. Music will be provided by bands, soloists, church groups, praise bands and other musicians from the area. It will be a fun family event, as well as a great way for area churches to enjoy fellowship together and hear other church talent.

Admission to the event will be a freewill donation and all proceeds will go toward Habitat NCI's mission of providing area families in need with safe, affordable housing.

Anyone interested in performing at the Raise the Roof Concert should call the Habitat office at **641-424-8978** as soon as possible to get signed up.

Habitat Seeking Partner Families

Habitat ReStore

The ReStore has a good supply of the following items in stock:

- * new crown molding
- * cabinets
- * bathroom/kitchen sinks
- * wallpaper & borders
- * new & used windows
- * interior & exterior doors
- * paint, primer & stain
- * and more!

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Store Hours:
9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Mondays - Fridays
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Habitat for Humanity North Central Iowa is searching for families who want to partner with Habitat in 2010 and 2011 to own their own home.



To become a Habitat Partner, a family must have a need for affordable housing, have a stable income, and be willing to work on the home or other Habitat projects. Families who are selected will have a 20-25 year mortgage at 0% interest with a 1% downpayment. These low monthly payments help Habitat to continue providing homes for future families.

Families who meet the guidelines and want to become homeowners are encouraged to start the application process by calling the Habitat NCI office at **641-424-8978**.

Staff Spotlight: Chuck Myhre, Construction Supervisor

When it comes right down to the nitty gritty of building Habitat for Humanity homes in North Central Iowa, Chuck Myhre is the man to see.

Chuck is the Construction Supervisor for Habitat for Humanity NCI, which puts him in charge of all aspects of the construction of Habitat homes. Whenever Habitat has a house under construction, Chuck usually can be found at the build site hard at work, and overseeing the volunteers who have come to help with the build.



After working in the propane industry for 32 years, Chuck joined the Habitat NCI staff three years ago.

"I got involved with Habitat because I like the mission aspect of the job," he says.

Chuck and his wife, Linda, live in Northwood and she teaches first grade at Northwood-Kensett Community Schools. They have two daughters, Kim, 38, who works at North Iowa Vocational Center in Mason City, and Megan, 31, a Proposal Specialist for ARAG, a legal insurance company in Des Moines.

When he's not overseeing home construction for Habitat, Chuck likes to fish, hike in the Montana mountains, ride his bike and go prairie dog hunting.

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