

## Dedication of New Habitat Home on the North Side

MASON CITY, IA (March 12, 2008) – Habitat for Humanity of North Central Iowa (HFHNCI) joyfully announces the dedication of a new home in Mason City. On **Sunday, March 16 at 3 p.m.**, Habitat for Humanity representatives, volunteers, friends, and the excited partner family will gather at 1531 North Pennsylvania to celebrate the hard work and community support that made this home possible. An **Open House will begin at 3 p.m. and will be followed by a brief Dedication Program at 4 p.m.** All interested community members are encouraged to participate in this heartwarming celebration.

Heidi Bonebrake and her four children are eager to move into their new home. Heidi has completed 250 hours of “sweat equity” helping to build her home as well as others, a basic tenet of Habitat for Humanity. She will repay the no-profit, zero percent interest mortgage, illustrating Habitat for Humanity’s objective to give families a “hand up” rather than a “hand out.” The payments will be used to support the construction of future Habitat homes for other families in need.

Part of the funding for this house came from a generous grant by Wells Fargo Bank and its employees. They provided \$17,500 towards the construction costs, as well as donated volunteer time. This is the second home that Wells Fargo Bank has helped to sponsor in Mason City during the past 6 months. “Partnerships with local business such as Wells Fargo Bank help make Habitat much more effective in the fight against sub-standard housing. We appreciate the effort this bank and its employees has made to work with our organization,” said Melissa H. Schoneberg, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity North Central Iowa.

The new home on North Pennsylvania is a result of work done by Heidi, her friends, Habitat’s other partner families and volunteers, as well as groups from Wells Fargo Bank, the NIACC Building Trades Class, Praise Community Church, Charles City High School, and The Church of the Living Word in Hampton.

Habitat currently continues work on two homes in Mason City. Summer plans include beginning the construction of two more Mason City houses, as well as a home in Clear Lake. Anyone interested in donating or volunteering can contact the Habitat office at (641) 424-8978 or visit the website at [www.habitatnci.org](http://www.habitatnci.org).

### **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.

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