

## Groundbreaking Held for First Habitat Home in Belmond

**Belmond, IA** – A crowd gathered on this sunny Sunday afternoon to help celebrate the beginning of the first Habitat build in Wright County, located in Belmond, Iowa. The Groundbreaking was held on the building lot which was donated by the Kinseth family, in the Country Club Estates neighborhood.

The upcoming home will be built for Ben and Lucretia Warren, who live in Belmond with their sons Jaden, Bryson, and Braydon. They recently lost their house after a devastating fire and turned to the local Habitat for Humanity to help search for a decent, affordable house to call home. They will purchase the home through Habitat with low monthly payments and a zero percent interest loan, and will also contribute 500 hours of “sweat equity” to help build their home, assist in the Habitat office, ReStore, and with special events.

This project was first initiated by the diversified industrial manufacturer Eaton Corporation, who is contributing \$20,000 to help Habitat for Humanity build a home in the local community of its Belmond manufacturing facility. In addition to the funding, up to 120 employees are expected to donate their time and skills to support the building of this home. Kevin Bock is the lead for Eaton on this project and by day, is a senior manufacturing engineer for Eaton’s Vehicle Group at its Belmond facility.

In addition to the Eaton sponsorship, approximately \$56,000 was secured through a grant through the Thrivent Builds Program of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. This home will be the fifth home in a row that the Thrivent Builds Program has sponsored through Habitat for Humanity North Central Iowa. The Thrivent Builds Chapter Specialist to lead this project is Fonda Thompson. In addition to the funding, the local Thrivent Financial Chapter will also contribute volunteer hours to help with the construction, as well as the organization and volunteer recruitment for the project. More than 1,300 homes have been built in the United States through the Thrivent Builds Homes program to date, and nearly 700 additional homes through the Thrivent Builds Worldwide program. Many participants who helped build these homes have described their volunteer experiences as “life-changing.”

“We are very pleased and excited to have Eaton and Thrivent working with us to build this house for the Warren family,” said Melissa Schoneberg, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity of North Central Iowa. “Good corporate citizens and their employees are the lifeblood of the work we do at Habitat for Humanity. We are proud to have them as our partners.”

Those looking to volunteer, donate, or become involved with this project or other Habitat projects can call the office at 641-424-8978 or visit their website at [www.habitatnci.org](http://www.habitatnci.org). Eaton and Thrivent have also developed a designated website for the build: [www.belmondhabitat.com](http://www.belmondhabitat.com). The site will be updated weekly with new information on and pictures of the construction work.

### ***About Habitat for Humanity North Central Iowa***

*Habitat for Humanity NCI 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 that sells 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](http://www.habitatnci.org) Serving: Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, Winnebago, Worth and Wright counties.*

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