

HABITAT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR HOME TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN HAMPTON

Habitat for Humanity of North Central Iowa is seeking a partner family interested in purchasing a safe, affordable, energy efficient home.

Habitat for Humanity of North Central Iowa is looking for a hardworking family from the Hampton area that is interested in purchasing a safe, decent, and affordable home through the Habitat program. A lot has been donated in Hampton and plans are being made for construction of a new home to be completed by December 2011.

The home being planned for Hampton will adhere to the State of Iowa's "Green Streets Criteria" for energy efficient housing. The size and makeup of the family selected will influence the plan of the house to be constructed. Individuals and groups who would like more information on the local Habitat for Humanity efforts or would like to be involved with construction, volunteer support and fundraising are encouraged to contact the Habitat office as preparations for this home are being made.

Families selected to work with Habitat for Humanity must meet three requirements: they must have a need, be willing to partner with Habitat, and have the ability to pay for the home, insurance and taxes. Need is defined as a family living in a home with structural or service inadequacies, overcrowded conditions, or being financially burdened and unable to get a traditional mortgage. Willingness to partner is defined as working with Habitat on the construction or rehabilitation of homes, as well as assisting in the office, ReStore and with Habitat events. Each member of the family 18 years or older will be expected to complete 250 hours of 'sweat equity' before the completion of their home. The final criteria is that each family must have an income that falls between 30% and 60% of the median income for our service area – for example, a family of four must have an annual income between \$17,640 and \$35,280 to qualify. Families purchase the home from Habitat through a 0% interest-free loan and minimum of a 1% down payment. Habitat is an Equal Housing Opportunity Provider and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin.

To request an application, receive more information or make a donation to support Habitat's efforts, please call Habitat for Humanity NCI at (641) 424-8978 or visit the website at www.habitatnci.org.

About Habitat for Humanity of 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 Serving: Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, Winnebago, Worth and Wright counties.