

## **Groundbreaking for New Habitat House**

Mason City, IA (9/28/2010) – Habitat for Humanity of North Central Iowa will be celebrating the beginning of construction for a new home at 527 South Tyler in Mason City. This will be a home for Tiffany Prince and her four young children. “This will be a great place to raise my children, there is room for a swing set and the house will be near a city park.” said Ms. Prince. As with all Habitat Partner Families, she will buy the affordable Habitat home with low monthly payments and a zero percent interest loan, as well as help build her home with 250 hours of “sweat equity.”

The community is invited to join with the family, friends and habitat volunteers this Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW and South Tyler for a Groundbreaking Celebration. Rain date will be the following Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at the same time.

“Once the excavation and the foundation are complete, we hope to have groups and individuals from throughout our community volunteer a day or two to help with the construction,” explains Melissa Schoneberg, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity of North Central Iowa. “This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone regardless of construction experience to give back to our community and to help a local, young, hardworking family.”

Both new builds currently beginning in Mason City are in different areas for Habitat and are possible thanks to lot donations by local landowners. The lot on South Tyler was donated by Russ and JoAnn Hardy and the lot on 7<sup>th</sup> Street SE was donated by Saleem and Carolyn Abujarah.

Habitat volunteers are currently finishing a home for Ben and Lucretia Warren in Belmond and will soon be dedicating a home in Forest City for Robert and Linda O’Dell. HFHNCI has also been working with volunteers to salvage reusable materials out of the flood buyout homes. Applications are being accepted for homes planned in Mason City and Hampton for next year’s construction. Please contact the office at (641) 424-8978 to donate, volunteer or to get more information on becoming a Partner Family for upcoming home ownership opportunities.

### ***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](http://www.habitatnci.org) Now serving: Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, Winnebago, Worth and Wright counties.**

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