

Groundbreaking to be Held in Clear Lake for Next Habitat for Humanity Home

Clear Lake, IA (3/30/2009) – As Habitat for Humanity North Central Iowa celebrates its 15 year anniversary, it also announces its first groundbreaking of 2009. To be located in the Pine Brooke Subdivision of Clear Lake, this will be the 33rd Habitat house built in north Iowa, and will also be the home of Jeanette Harthan and her two boys, John and Luke. Both boys attend Clear Creek Elementary School and Jeanette works at Mercy Medical Center North Iowa. Jeanette 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 and habitat volunteers this Thursday, April 2, at 5:30pm at 508 Pine Brooke Drive to celebrate the beginning of construction. Rain date will be the following Thursday the 9th at the same time.

This will be the first Habitat home in nearly 10 years to be located in Clear Lake. The lot was donated by Tim Stenberg of Joshua Homes, Inc. “Thanks to Mr. Stenberg’s generosity, we are able to build in Clear Lake again,” said Melissa H. Schoneberg, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity North Central Iowa. “The level of community support for this home is exciting! Building Habitat homes involves many groups and individuals, and we encourage anyone interested in helping out to contact our office. Whether it’s swinging a hammer, providing food, or assisting with the jobsite coordination – there’s a place for all who are willing and able.”

Habitat volunteers are currently putting the finishing touches on a home for Kathy Doeden in Central Heights of Mason City, and other 2009 builds planned will be in Mason City and Belmond. Please contact the office at (641) 424-8978 to donate, volunteer or to get more information on becoming a partner family.

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** Now serving: Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, Winnebago, Worth and Wright counties.

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