

## **Completion of Handicap Accessible Habitat Home Cause for Celebration!**

*Mason City (April 10, 2009):* Habitat for Humanity North Central Iowa is pleased to dedicate the home of Kathy Doeden and her sons, Brandon and Nathan this Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. All community members are welcome. There will be an Open House from 4:30-5:30pm and a Dedication Ceremony beginning at 5:30pm. Located at 2943 18<sup>th</sup> Street SW in Central Heights, this home was built by generous monetary donations and volunteer labor from Curries Manufacturing, Lion's Clubs International Foundation, and Wells Fargo Bank.

Because Kathy's son Nathan is confined to a wheelchair, this home is handicap accessible. Modifications made from a typical Habitat home include a roll-in shower, elevated sink in the bathroom, extra width in the hallway, the addition of a garage, and the first ever ceiling mounted track to carry Nathan from his bedroom to the bathroom. "Habitat strives to build simple decent houses that fit the needs of the homeowner", says Chuck Myhre, Construction Supervisor. "We hope that this home will help make the everyday lives of this deserving family easier."

"I'm thrilled this dream has finally become a reality for me and the boys," says homeowner Kathy Doeden. "We will finally have a home that Nathan and Brandon can maneuver in freely, and they are excited to have their own rooms and more independence. I'm so thankful for all of the support from the Curries employees, Lion's Clubs, NIACC Building Trades, Habitat and the other volunteers who helped to finish it in less than 6 months. They even worked through some of the coldest weather of the winter!" Kathy herself put in 250 hours of "sweat equity" to build her house, and will purchase it with a zero percent loan.

To date, Habitat for Humanity NCI has built 32 homes throughout its six county service area, and hopes to provide five more families with homeownership opportunities during 2009 as funds allow. For more information about investing in future builds or becoming a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity NCI, contact the office at 641-424-8978 or visit [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 0 % interest loans and 1% down. Habitat also runs a ReStore home improvement discount outlet selling new and used building materials donated by area individuals, contractors, and businesses. 1411 South Taft Ave., Mason City, Iowa 50401, 641-424-8978, [www.habitatnci.org](http://www.habitatnci.org)  
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