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### **Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County Starts Construction of New Home in East Springfield**

*Catholic Holy Family Society jump starts the build with a "Blitz Build" weekend October 7-9*

For many individuals, the weekend may include mowing the grass, cleaning the house or attending soccer games. However, for over 50 Catholic Holy Family Society members, staff and trustees, the weekend of October 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> will be spent building a home for a single mother and her three children, in partnership with the Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County. This marks Catholic Holy Family Society's 17<sup>th</sup> build and Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County's 83<sup>rd</sup> house in the community.

"We are ecstatic to partner with the volunteers from Catholic Holy Family Society to construct a home that provides decent, affordable housing for a single mother and her three children," said Sarah Mackey, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County. "We are also proud to collaborate with The Springfield Project and The Chamber's Q5 initiative by building this home in East Springfield, and contributing to East Springfield redevelopment."

The new home, located at 1001 Knoll Pointe, is located in census tract 16, an area in which The Springfield Project and The Chamber's Q5 initiative have targeted for redevelopment efforts. Primary funding for the house construction is being provided by Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) grant dollars, secured by The Springfield Project. "Through collaborative partnerships, our community is benefiting from the development of new homes for homeownership in East Springfield," stated Mackey.

To kick off the home building, the volunteers from Catholic Holy Family Society (CHFS) arrived in Springfield, on Thursday morning and will spend three days building the exterior of a 3 bedroom home. All volunteers working on the blitz build are members of Catholic Holy Family Society, a member-owned life insurance organization with a commitment to fraternalism and volunteerism. Community

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volunteers will continue to work on the home for the next six months to see the home construction through to completion.

By the end of the day on Thursday, CHFS volunteers will have the exterior walls and the trusses in place. Friday and Saturday will be spent sheathing the roof, shingling and siding, installing windows and doors and finishing up any other details. In addition, Catholic Holy Family Society will also be presenting Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County with a \$5,000 donation to help with building costs.

“The generosity and dedication of Catholic Holy Family Society will help make the dream of homeownership a reality for a Springfield family, and we are thankful for their support,” said Mackey.

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County is a community-driven nonprofit organization that develops working partnerships with local businesses, churches, community organizations and other individuals to build simple, decent and affordable housing for all people in need. Since its founding in 1989, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County has completed 79 houses in Sangamon County and served over 300 individuals in Sangamon County. For more information or to join the efforts to eliminate poverty housing, visit [habitatsangamon.com](http://habitatsangamon.com) or call 217.523.2710.

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