



ILLINOIS PRAIRIE PASTEL SOCIETY

Illinois Prairie Pastel Society Presents Original Painting to Habitat for Humanity Family

New partnership established between Illinois Prairie Pastel Society and Habitat

The Illinois Prairie Pastel Society (IPPS) presented an original painting to the newest Habitat homeowner, at her home dedication on Sunday, March 20, 2011. Further, the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society has pledged to provide an original work of art to each new Habitat homeowner in Sangamon County.

"We are particularly proud to have the opportunity to present our unique collaborative paintings to each of the Habitat for Humanity homeowners and hope the pieces add warmth and life to their new homes," said George King, president and founder of the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society.

The Brown family will display their original painting on the walls of their new home in East Springfield. Habitat for Humanity partnered with local businesses, churches and volunteers to build a new, decent and affordable house for the Brown family.

"Habitat's new partnership with the Illinois Prairie Pastel Society truly demonstrates how our entire community comes together to support families as they realize the dream of homeownership," said Sarah Mackey, executive director of Habitat for Humanity.

The Illinois Prairie Pastel Society was founded in 2006 and is affiliated with the International Association of Pastel Societies. IPPS exists to promote pastel painting, offer exhibit and educational and workshop opportunities for pastel painters, encourage young artists to paint in the pastel medium and to create public awareness of the beauty and lasting qualities of the pastel medium. There are currently 24 members of IPPS and a majority of the members paint together weekly at the Springfield Art Association. Many IPPS member paintings have won awards and are hanging in private collections in the United States, Canada, France and Mexico.

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 83 houses in Sangamon County, served over 300 individuals in Sangamon County and served 73 international families.