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Habitat Celebrates the Completion of the House of Shalom Interfaith Build

Habitat for Humanity celebrated the dedication of the 92nd Habitat home in Sangamon County on Sunday, July 21st. The new home for Debbie Weiner is located at 100 Lakebrook Court in Springfield.

The House of Shalom is the second Interfaith Build Habitat for Humanity has coordinated in Sangamon County. “Habitat for Humanity is proud to partner with local congregations from different faiths to build decent, affordable houses in Sangamon County,” said Sarah Mackey, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County. “Together, we are helping families escape from unsafe, unhealthy living conditions.”

Partner Congregations for House of Shalom – Interfaith Build include Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Chatham United Methodist Church, Congregation Temple Israel, Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, Islamic Society, Jewish Federation of Springfield, Temple B'rith Sholom, and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

“I’ve always been the one to give to the community,” Weiner said. “I’m not used to being on the receiving end, so that took some time to get used to.” Debbie has helped give back to Habitat for Humanity by completing 250 sweat equity, or volunteer hours, towards the completion of the home. Debbie will also make monthly mortgage payments through a zero interest no-profit loan. Her monthly mortgage payments will help Habitat build more houses in Sangamon County.

Habitat for Humanity helps families and individuals break the cycle of poverty and build long-term financial security. Habitat's affordable, no-profit house payments free up money for food, child care, medicine and other necessities. And research has shown that decent housing improves health, increases children's educational achievement and strengthens community ties.

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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 92 houses in Sangamon County, served over 350 individuals in Sangamon County and served 74 international families.