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Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County Accepting Applications for Wheelchair Ramp Installation

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County (HFHSC) is accepting applications for its home accessibility program, which installs wheelchair ramps at individuals' homes. Providing accessibility, 20 ramps have been built to date, helps individuals and families stay in their homes. This program is made possible through a grant received from the King's Daughters Organization.

"Providing accessibility through the wheelchair ramp program is in keeping with Habitat's mission of creating and sustaining simple, decent, affordable housing for all people in need," said Colleen Stone, HFHSC Executive Director. "Instead of being forced to move, a ramp allows low-income homeowners to safely live at home. That's the goal of this program."

To qualify, applicants must be low income, live in and own the home, have homeowners' insurance, be in need of a wheelchair/handicap ramp, and have an ability to pay \$100 for the materials (If under 55, Habitat offers low monthly payments for the cost of the supplies). The program is sponsored by King's Daughters Organization for individuals 55 and older.

Applications for the wheelchair ramp program are now being accepted. The application and income guidelines are available at <http://www.habitatsangamon.com/wheelchairramps> or can be picked up, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Habitat office. Completed applications should be mailed or dropped off to Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County, 2744 South Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. If you have any questions about the program, please call Scott Saunders at 217-523-2710, ext. 221.