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Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County Dedicates Home for 106th Family

Habitat for Humanity will dedicate a home for its 106th family, Kyla Overby & Tim Anders, on Friday, June 30th, at 5pm, 2112 East Black Avenue, Springfield. This home, called the Central Illinois Presbyterian Build, was made possible by the collaborative efforts of the following Presbyterian churches and community supporters: Buffalo Hart Presbyterian Church-Williamsville; Central Presbyterian Church-Petersburg; Chatham Presbyterian Church-Chatham; Farmingdale Presbyterian Church-Pleasant Plains; Federated Church-Carlinville; First Presbyterian Church-Springfield; First Presbyterian Church-Virden; Greenview United Church and United Presbyterian-Greenview; Hope Presbyterian Church-Springfield; Indian Point United Presbyterian-Athens; Third Presbyterian Church-Springfield; Westminster Presbyterian Church-Springfield; Wells Fargo Mortgage; City of Springfield; University of Illinois at Springfield; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 193; Duggins Design Center; Dick Van Dyke Appliance World; Vendor Fair participants organized by Kyla Overby and Tim Anders; Illinois Housing Development Authority; Federal Home Loan Bank; International Union of Painters and Allied Trades DC 58 J.A.T.F.; Evans Recycling, Mohan Building, and P.J. Giacomini - Zaffiri Concrete. Over 300 combined volunteers from the above entities, and UIS Springfest, came together to build this handicap-accessible home for Kyla and Tim.

Their new house will be built in a neighborhood Kyla said “has a small town feel.” Kyla imagines a nice craft room in one of the bedrooms, a big garden in the back yard, and maybe even bushes and fruit trees. Tim simply wants a home of their own. Both of them are really excited about the location. “It felt like home,” Kyla said. Through partnering with Habitat for Humanity, future homeowners Kyla and Tim, have built a simple, decent and affordable, handicap-accessible home. Kyla and Tim have gone over and above their required 500 total sweat equity hours and will make monthly mortgage payments through a zero interest no-profit loan. The monthly mortgage payments will help Habitat build more houses in Sangamon County.

This house also continues a partnership with Central Illinois Foodbank. The Foodbank will be filling Tim & Kyla’s pantry with a week’s worth of supplies to get them settled in their new home. “We are excited about this partnership with Habitat for Humanity,” said Pam Molitoris, Central Illinois Foodbank Executive Director. “We hope to provide food and other essentials for future Habitat families. Our goal is to have the homeowners walk into their new home, sit down, relax, and not have to worry about going to the grocery store right away.”

“Habitat for Humanity is proud to have the support of so many community partners” said Colleen Stone, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County. “Together we are building houses and building hope for families, like Kyla & Tim, in Sangamon County.”



Habitat for Humanity is currently recruiting volunteers for future Habitat projects in Sangamon County. For more information or to join the efforts to eliminate poverty housing, visit <http://www.habitatsangamon.com> or call 217.523.2710.

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