

## **Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County Kick Off Celebration for 107<sup>th</sup> Family**

Charlene and Chris Herrod became a Habitat for Humanity Partner Family three years ago. While working to build up their requisite hours to qualify for a new home for their family of five, a generous donor gave a large, older home to Habitat. Now, with the funding secured, the Herrods are anxious to get to work, alongside Habitat volunteers, renovating their future home.

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County (HFHSC) will kick off this celebration for its 107<sup>th</sup> family on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5 p.m., at 729 N. 4th Street, Springfield. HFHSC is proud to partner with SOB festival (a part of the Conn Family Community Works), Catholic Diocese Campaign for Justice and Hope, Hickory Point Bank, Tom Cullen Family, Anne Capestrain, and the annual build campaign donors to make this Habitat home possible. Habitat will provide the Herrods a zero percent interest mortgage once renovations are completed.

“Habitat is excited for Charlene, Chris and their three children and proud to partner with the community to build decent, affordable houses in Sangamon County,” said Colleen Stone, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County. “Together, we are building houses and hope for the long-term.”

The Herrods’ “new” dream home is located in Enos Park, an historic, tree-lined neighborhood, and is walking distance to Charlene’s workplace.

“I want to maintain the character of the house and we’ve been thinking about how we want it to look,” she said. “The children have been planning too. Ethan wants airplanes and helicopters as a theme in his bedroom. Ava wants hers to be painted red, with a pink umbrella in it, and Landon is hoping for a blue and yellow bedroom”

The couple has also had help in their Habitat experience from Deb Weiner, a Habitat volunteer and nurturer, who accompanies them to their home ownership classes. As a Habitat homeowner, Deb has also been able to share the ins and outs of the process.

Habitat for Humanity is currently recruiting volunteers for this and 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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