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Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County Inviting Women to Join 1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon Women Coming Together to Build Habitat House in Spring 2018

When Lisa Reeves was seeking a decent, affordable home for her family, she turned to Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County (HFHSC). For the last 10 years, Lisa has been a proud homeowner and continues to be a partner, friend, and inspiration to others at HFHSC.

“My Habitat home has been such a blessing,” Lisa stated. “*1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon* will give a hand up to another family needing peace of mind and stability. I am so thankful for my home and want to help another mom achieve her dream of homeownership.”

Lisa is joining *1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon* – 1000 women, giving \$100 or more each, to fund and build a Habitat house together. Even though scholarships are available, Lisa has been diligently saving so that she can not only build alongside other women in the spring, but also donate \$100.

“Lisa has faced hardships, but through it all she has persevered and has remained caring and helpful to others. It’s incredibly touching that she’s made this a priority in her life and has been reaching out to friends and neighbors asking them to join as well,” said Executive Director Colleen Stone. “We’re more than 25 percent to our goal of having 1,000 women to fund and build this home.”

Approximately 80 percent of the families HFHSC serves are single moms, head of household, with children. *1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon* is 1,000 women networking, learning, and providing the funding and muscle to build - not just a house, but long-term stability for a hardworking, low-income family in Sangamon County.

Each Habitat home requires about \$100,000 in resources to construct. The *1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon* campaign seeks to secure all funding by February 2018 and build the home in Spring 2018.

“You don’t need to have construction skills to join. Lots of us will be learning together,” Stone said. “We have women who aren’t physically able to build, but have provided scholarships and continue to encourage friends, neighbors, and family members to join.”

In Sangamon County, over 6,000 families live in poverty housing – housing that is overcrowded, unsafe or unhealthy, or where more than 30% of monthly income is spent on housing. Under Habitat’s program, partner families are willing to partner with Habitat and must have the ability to pay a zero interest mortgage payment to HFHSC (including property taxes and homeowner insurance). This payment won’t exceed 30% of their gross income after the home is built.

To join *1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon* or for information about HFHSC programs, visit Habitat at 2744 S. 6th Street, www.habitatsangamon.com, or contact Shayne Squires at 217-523-2710, ext. 222.

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