

### Thank You for Being Mythbusters! 1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon



In the "telephone" game, players whisper a message into their neighbor's ear. As the message passes from person to person, the message at the end of the line is not usually what you started with. In a similar way, myths about Habitat continue to be passed along.

Attendees at January's 1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon event are helping Habitat bust misconceptions like "Habitat homes are given away free." They now know that Habitat is a hand up - every Habitat homeowner is responsible for paying an affordable, zero interest mortgage, real estate taxes and insurance. Other things learned include:

- Jimmy Carter did not found Habitat, but was instrumental in promoting it.
- In addition to sweat equity, there is a requirement of a \$500 deposit with one year to gather that together once accepted as a Habitat candidate.
- It costs \$ 100,000 in resources to construct a Habitat house in Sangamon County.
- One of the families living in a Habitat house is now financially stable enough to sell this house and buy another on her own. That is very impressive!
- It's very easy to get involved, but people need to be asked or invited. People may not be self-starters when it comes to getting involved, but are often happy to help when someone personally asks them.
- There were so many varied backgrounds and types of people at our gathering. I appreciate the wide diversity and encourage others to be a part of 1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon.
- The testimonial by the Habitat homeowner who has endured great tragedy, yet keeps plugging on... and the community and support she experiences through involvement with Habitat.
- HFHSC owns several lots and candidates can choose their location. Location, as one the speakers indicated, can be critical in terms of schools, etc.
- Future homeowners are involved in the construction process and planning of their future home. That's a nice touch, which makes it more of a home and not just a dwelling.

We are grateful for our mythbusters and all of the women who are coming together to fund and build a Habitat house in 2018!

Haven't Joined 1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon? Click here now!



# Help us reach 75% of our goal by February 28th and pour the foundation in March! Because of <u>YOU</u> we've passed 60%!!

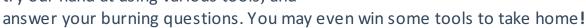


## Just for Us! 1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon Tool Time at Lowe's!

Lowe's is hosting special tool events for 1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon! Join us at Lowe's on either of these dates:

- Thursday, February 22, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, March 3, 9 to 10:30 am
- 2560 N. Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield

No skills, no problem! Lowe's knowledgable staff will walk us through tool basics, have us try our hand at using various tools, and





### Space is limited. Reserve your spot today!





#### Nice to Know You!

"I typically hate game activities for getting to know people. But this one was fun and had a real purpose. During our conversations a couple of us learned that we had mothers and grandmothers who were pioneers in serving in the military... We unearthed some interesting history about women's involvement in critical institutions."

- Pamela
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<u>there</u>

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