

Johnson Family Home, Sweet Home with Habitat's Help and 1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon

Join Habitat House #108 Dedication Celebration June 28th

Thanks to the *1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon* campaign and many dedicated Habitat volunteers who spent the last three months building, Sharrell Johnson is about to realize a life-long dream – owning a simple, decent home that will provide long-term stability for her family. Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County (HFHSC) invites you to share in the joy of this achievement at the Dedication Celebration for this home on Thursday, June 28, 5 pm, at 106 S. Glenwood Avenue.

“I’m so grateful for all I’ve learned from Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County’s homeownership program, my family nurturer, and for the outpouring of support we got after the fire that kept us going,” said Sharrell. “It’s been a lot of hard work, but also a blessing to build alongside so many talented and caring people. I’ve learned how to use power tools and can proudly say that I helped build this. My family and I are truly thankful to everyone.”

In addition to *1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon* members, generous sponsors Steve Koch of Koch, Sylvia and Associates Ameriprise Financial, Collins Plumbing, Heating and Cooling, Carpet Weavers, Duggins Design Center, University of Illinois at Springfield, Wells Fargo Mortgage, M.G. Nelson Family Foundation, Mike & Beth O’Shea, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Janice Ratliff in memory of Shirley Quirk, Roberta and Robert Kay, Springfield Plastics, Inc., Hickory Point Bank, Myron and Pam Hargan, Linda Jones, and Heartland Credit Union made this Habitat home possible.

“Our Habitat volunteers, donors and community partners are what make building houses and hope a reality,” said Colleen Stone, HFHSC Executive Director. “Their willingness to lend a hand up through simple, decent, affordable housing is providing long-term strength and stability for Sharrell’s family, her neighborhood and our community. “

Habitat homes are not given away for free. Sharrell will pay a zero percent interest mortgage (provided by Habitat), property taxes and homeowners insurance. This zero-interest, affordable mortgage is invested back into Habitat’s program to build more homes. In addition, prior to building, Partner Families in Habitat’s Homeownership Program take classes on topics that include budgeting, taxes and home maintenance and also invest hundreds of “sweat equity” hours.

For more information about the Dedication Celebration on June 28th or to learn more about opportunities to help Habitat build, visit <http://www.habitatsangamon.com> or call 217.523.2710. Habitat for Humanity is currently recruiting volunteers for Habitat projects in Sangamon County.

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