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Sonia Kenney is soon to move into a place to call her own with Habitat's Help and 1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon

Join Habitat House #110 Dedication Celebration June 27th

Thanks to the 2nd Annual 1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon campaign and many dedicated Habitat volunteers who spent the last three months building, Sonia Kenney 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 27th, 5 pm, at 1438 N 3rd Street.

“I’m so lucky that they (Habitat) have worked with me because of school and my kids’ sports and activities,” she said. “My (program) Nurturer has been awesome in helping me any way I need. I want a place to call my own,” she said. “I want a place that in 20 years my kids can say, ‘We’re going back to mom’s house.’ My advice to others, don’t ever give up, ever, because if you work hard you can make your dreams come true,” Sonia said. “I’m definitely trying to complete everything even if I’m exhausted, because I know it will be worth it in the end.”

In addition to 1000 Women Strong-Habitat Sangamon members, generous sponsors Wells Fargo Mortgage, Collins Plumbing Heating and Cooling, Prairie Wholesale, University of Illinois Springfield, Flooring America, MG Nelson Foundation, Coldwell Banker Realtors, Springfield Plastics, Hickory Point Bank, Carolyn Senica, Dr. Sandra Yeh, Linda Jones, Finley’s Tap House, Teresa Shelton, Dr. Timothy VanFleet office and family, and hundreds of others 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 Sonia’s family, her neighborhood and our community. “

Habitat homes are not given away for free. Sonia 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 27th 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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