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Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County announces the Dedication Celebration for the Habitat - Catholic Build # 111!

Kimeka Robinson has a big dream – to own her own home. With the help of Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County, volunteers, and the support of members of the Catholic community, her dream is coming true. A Dedication Celebration will be held at the house, 2240 East Enterprise Street, Grandview, on Wednesday, December 18, 4pm.

“In my younger days, I moved from house to house,” Kimeka said, “but I want more stability for my son. I know he wants his own space.”

After living in public housing for much of her life, she is anxious to move into her own home. Kimeka applied to participate in the Habitat program in 2016, but was denied, she said, due to poor credit. She worked diligently to improve her credit and applied again to Habitat and was accepted in 2018. She began working in the fall on the volunteer hours and education classes required in Habitat’s home ownership program. Kimeka has worked diligently to complete her hours and education classes and is on track to be in her home before Christmas.

Habitat House #111 is being made possible by Steve Koch-Ameriprise Financial, with Blessings from Bishop Thomas John Paprocki & Rev. Msgr. David Hoefler, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Christ the King Parish, Christ the King Parish - St Vincent DePaul Society, Church of the Little Flower, Church of the Little Flower - Men’s Club, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois-Mission for Justice & Hope, The Forge, St Agnes Parish, St Frances Xavier Cabrini Church, St Joseph the Worker, Chatham, St Joseph the Worker, Chatham – TEAM, Holy Family Council Knights of Columbus 4179, Knights of Columbus Council 364, Bishop Griffin Assembly # 0201- Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Rosemary Bermingham Family, Steven & Florence B, Jerry Cavanaugh, Hospital Sisters of St. Francis, Jane & Phil Locascio, Ken & Mary Sommer, Walter Strow, Tom & Megan Walters, Dr. Matt & Annette VanderMolen, and Elizabeth Wirtz. In-Kind Donations: Duggins Design Center, Feldco Windows, Siding & Doors, Henson Robinson Company, I.B.E.W., Illini Plumbing Heating Supply, Ridings Plumbing, Michael von Behren Builder, Inc., Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating, Whirlpool Appliances, Wind Solar USA – all are supporting this project and building alongside Kimeka.

“I want thank all our Catholic parishes, organizations, and lay Catholics who gave of their time and talent to build this home for Kimeka and her son,” Bishop Thomas John Paprocki of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois said. “In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that when we help the least of our brothers and sisters, we do it for Him. What a joyful day for our Catholic community to be able to gift a home to someone in need, especially just in time for Christmas.”



“We’re grateful for our generous sponsors in the Catholic community who have been fundraising and planning this home build for months,” said HFHSC Executive Director Colleen Stone. “Once this home is completed, she will pay a zero percent interest mortgage, provided by Habitat, and property taxes. It’s a hand up for hard-working families like Kimeka’s and strengthens our communities.”

For more information or to join the efforts to provide simple, decent, affordable housing, visit <http://www.habitatsangamon.com> or call 217.523.2710. Habitat for Humanity is currently recruiting volunteers for future Habitat projects in Sangamon County.

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