

THE BLUEPRINT

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Special Points of Interest:

- ◆ Raffle tickets now available for queen size quilt donated by Lincoln Quilters Guild. Tickets are \$5 for one, \$20 for five. Drawing will be held during the anniversary celebration, Oct. 5. Need not be present to win. Call 477-9184 for tickets.
- ◆ Family Selection Informational meetings to be held at First Mennonite Church, 7300 Holdrege, on Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 18th at 9:00 a.m. Please attend to learn more about Habitat homeownership.
- ◆ 100th Habitat house will be built spring 2009.

WISH LIST

As the number of homes built increases, we really need:

- ◆ Lunch providers
- ◆ Experienced construction volunteers willing to lead a crew
- ◆ Hosts to sign in volunteers on construction sites
- ◆ Bottled water and soda for construction volunteers
- ◆ Paint brushes & painting supplies
- ◆ Web manager



You are invited to

Lincoln/Lancaster County Habitat for Humanity's 20th Anniversary Celebration

Honoring Families, Heritage and Home

Sunday, October 5, 2008

Auld Recreation Center, 1650 Memorial Drive

12:00-3:30 p.m.

International potluck 1:00 p.m.

Program & quilt drawing 2:30 p.m.

Meet our homeowners and volunteers.

There will be plenty of food and great
entertainment.

*Bring a dish to share that represents your heritage
(beverages, plates & silverware will be provided)*

Just a Little Crazy—Volunteer Voices From The Past

In 1988, Habitat volunteer, Jeanne Akesson wrote in the first Blueprint that Habitat's mission is a "crazy idea that works." She was referring to the idea that was born at Koinonia Farms near Americus, Georgia, following three days of deep discussion and prayer. This idea was to build houses for the poor using the biblical economic principles of no interest and no profit. Skeptics insisted that selling houses at no profit to low-income people, charging no interest, undertaking construction projects without government money and expecting thousands of volunteers to give weeks or months or years of their lives to work for nothing—all crazy ideas. But these were and are God's ideas, solidly based on biblical commands and promises and they do work.

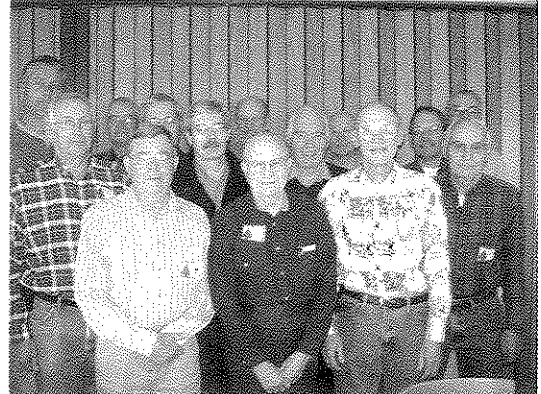
Many of the volunteers from the grassroots group who started Habitat in Lincoln continue to support and volunteer for Habitat. Joe Dappen has worked on every house this affiliate has built and several other construction volunteers including Tom Scott and Bob Paulsen, have worked on most of the homes built. Quite an accomplishment when you consider these volunteers started working with Habitat after they retired from other jobs. It's a testament to volunteering being good for your health.

After five years of building, 1993 Board President, Reg Kuhn, wrote, "Lincoln Habitat is growing out of its infancy and entering the turbulent years of our adolescence...Like many teenagers, we have been frustrated by the detours appearing in our journey to maturity as an organization." During these years, volunteers were ready, enthusiasm was high, but funding resources were needed. The board began to see the need for paid staff to manage and recruit more resources for the affiliate. By 1996 a full-time executive director had been hired, the affiliate had grown to include all of Lancaster County and Habitat founders, Millard and Linda Fuller were visiting Lincoln. Millard Fuller, remarking on the quality of construction done by Habitat volunteers, was quoted as saying, "Habitat houses are built mostly by volunteers with little or no homebuilding experience. Since they don't know what they're doing, when the roof calls for 2 nails they put 10."

As the number of Habitat families has grown, our affiliate has gained stability and strength. Habitat volunteers work year round and in all kinds of weather. In the past there was a group called the "Polar Bear Crew" named because they had been working through cold rain, rain and more rain. The current group of "regulars" as they are referred to now, continue this commitment to getting the job done.

Construction volunteers are thankful to a new group of volunteers—the lunch providers. When a much needed break comes round at 11:30 a.m. each workday, Habitat volunteers are there offering something to eat and drink.

While it might seem a little crazy to volunteer so many hours without pay, Habitat volunteers are well compensated by knowing they've changed lives. Over the course of 20 years, they've celebrated their accomplishments with 93 house dedications. They know that 93 families are able to gather for dinner in a warm, secure house and 294 children can go to sleep without fear of losing their home the next day. It's a "crazy idea that works."



Habitat "Regulars" Back Row: Burt Muehling, Ernie Thayer, Terrel Hanshaw, Bill Utley, Tom Scott, Bob Paulsen. Middle Row: Charlie Horner, Mike Cruise, Ron Bump, Dan Wolterman. Front row: Joe Dappen, Earl Elwonger, Jack Rippe, Art Althouse

Funding a Dream

To raise houses Habitat has always had to raise funds. Over the past 20 years, churches and hundreds of individuals have been stepping out in faith to support Habitat's work. Homes have been built with partnerships of Methodist, Presbyterian and Lutheran congregations. First Plymouth Congregational and First Lutheran sponsored builds. Each year, churches of all faiths in Lincoln and Lancaster County partner to provide the funding to build a Faith Build. Through a national partnership with Thrivent Financial for Lu-

therans, seven homes have been built in the last three years. All Habitat homes are built on faith and each is a sermon of love.

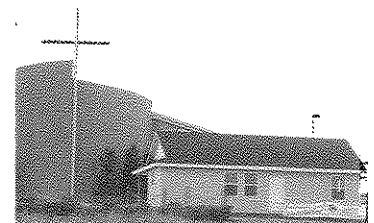
Many area businesses and foundations have made grants available to continue Habitat's mission. Homebuilders Association of Lincoln has built 15 Habitat homes. Wells Fargo has sponsored 12 homes with gifts of \$25,000 or more for each build. Both Homebuilders and Wells Fargo are sponsoring 2008 builds.

Construction costs and the

price of lots have continually been a concern. The City of Lincoln's Urban Development has made HOME funding available for Habitat to purchase lots. This partnership has been a blessing in acquiring lots to build on.

With the support of local schools, homes have been built on high school parking lots, inspiring new generations of Habitat volunteers.

It doesn't take much to make a big difference. You can be a part of a Habitat family's dream



Thrivent Financial for Lutheran volunteers are currently building a home on Sheridan Lutheran Church parking lot.

come true. Please join the dedicated supporters of Habitat and send a gift today in the enclosed envelope.

93 Habitat homes completed since 1988

	1989
2109 Clinton Street	Jim Garrison, Elizabeth & Matthew
	1990
2118 Clinton Street	Janice (Battle) Young , Sherdal, LaShaw, Eron, Leida
	1991
2330 Potter Street	Oscar & Juanita Olivares, Betzabe, Miriam, Eunice
1315 N 21st Street	Howard & Linda Johnson, Ryan
	1992
2015 Holdrege Street	Herb & Michelle Wooten
2127 Potter Street	Mark & Marguerita Rodriguez, Desiree, Claudia, Mark, Jr.
2403 Holdrege Street	Alberta Canby, Marcella Andrea
	1993
1643 N 22nd Street	Adolph & Monica Dinges, Jeremy, Railey
1909 N 31st Street	Frank & Rosie Chairez, Socorro, Lupe, Karina, Frank Jr.
1540 N 23rd Street	Mark & Beth Flink, Danny, Ashley, Melody
	1994
4225 Touzalin Avenue	Dan & Sandy Mostek, Amanda, Danielle, Shannon
4015 S 56th Street	Jesse & Jennifer Jacobsen , Jake
	1995
223 West E Street	Tammy Burton, Traniha, Tyreece
227 West E Street	Alice Watters, Shawn
207 N 25th Street	Aleta & Don Stone, Karen, Luke
2138 Potter Street	Dodie Fearing, Kevin
1925 N 29th Street	Helen Iromuanya, Lucky, Joy, Fred, Charity
	1996
2136 N 30th Street	Deb Buckman, Bryce, Kaden, Corenna, Imani
1947 N 29th Street	Allen & Michelle Sackett, Brandon, Chelsea, Debra, Krysta, Evan

	1996 (cont.)
2424 Lynn Street	Audrey Berlie, Nichole
2501 N Main Street	Leslie Davidson, Dennis, Jessica, Joshua, Ashley, Amanda
228 A Street	Kim Brown, Torran
	1997
2515 N Main Street	Bob & Rosa Olsen, Shawntae, Robert Jr., Alma, Virgil, Mary, Beth
4330 Main Street, Roca	Doris Gunn, Zechariah, Zebulun
511 W Belmont Avenue	Dean & Sheila Worrell, Derek, Jesse, Taralynn
	1998
441 W Belmont Avenue	Angela Daniels, Nikkoal, Sydney
421 Belmont Avenue	Gumaro & Estela Martinez, Olga, Patricia, Flor, Noelia, Reina, Israel
431 W Belmont Avenue	Monica Mendenhall, Samantha, Thomas
2021 S 58th Street	Manual & Chris Rivera, Thomas, Charity, Jonathan, Manny
444 S 25th Street	Julie Turner, Chanta, Cassandra, Ashley, Brandy
1844 N 31st Street	John & Kelly Yates, Jeremiah, Ashley, Tyler
2010 N 32nd Street	Tyra Tate, Katrina, Amanda, Erika
501 W Belmont Avenue	Karen Williams, Lewis, Elisha
1715 Whittier Street	Sheri Aguilar, Aaron, Ashley, Alyson
	1999
1701 N 29th Street	Paul & Tammy Royce, Wesley, Amber, Heather, Allenna
1642 N 28th Street	Dianna Utley, Darnell
408 May Street, Firth	Julia McCoy, Jeannette, Sean, Rae
4130 NW 57th Street	Sandy Hernandez, Aaron, Andrea, Anson
2015 Holdrege Street	Thuan & Truc Nguyen, Thao, Viet, Phuong, Huy, Anh

93 Habitat homes completed since 1988 (cont.)

1999 (cont.)	2002 (cont.)
3944 N 10th Street Gerald & Peggy Bailey, Melissa, Ashley, Gerald Jr., Taylor	4835 Fremont Street Lisa Payne, Preston, DePreece
1722 N 29th Street Erminia Flores & Juan Zuniga, Joel, Crystal, Juan, Cindy, Jesus, Esmeralda	5333 Aurora Street Jerardo & Melissa Rios, Valerie, Stephanie, Eliseo, Daniel, Jenny
2000	2328 NW 46th Street Gary & Theresa Gerlach, Sheena, Nathaniel, Aubrey, Haleigh, Aaram
6821 Holdrege Street Jack & Cindy Pickel, Luke, Delicia, Ross, Garret	2003
170 Irving Street Louvell & Daneika Rogers, LeShawn, Todd, Latheid, Keshia, Dominic, Maurice	521 Belmont Avenue Carmen Sanford, Robert, Tyree, Dawone
1719 West C Street Margorito & Patricia Balderas, Alethea, Anthony, Javier, Andres, Saul	4125 W Huntington Avenue Dawn Remmenga, Chelsea
1723 West C Street Toni Douglas, Mickie, Stevie, Vincente, Carlos, Antonio	2336 NW 46th Street Ali & Ashwalk Al-Waely, Mustafa, Khuloud, Fatima, Mortadha
1634 West C Street Tanya Bowers, Kishon, Tiona	4235 W Huntington Juan & Maricela Reyes, Bryon, Cindy, Jesse, Jakob
1141 Fairfield Street Regina Schlater, John	2004
Seward Chapter Build	2334 SW 12th Street Julie Stoval, Brad, Ryan
2001	2416 NW 46th Street Ashley Baustert, Siaira
1628 West C Street Aldo Campbell, Brianna, Tierra	155 Madison Avenue Loren & LaRae Rice, Matthew, Taylor
1608 West C Street Danny & Catina Berks, Danny Jr., Natasha, Aulana, Oliva, Tory, Janay	4825 J Street Jennifer Wilson, Jordinn
1640 West C Street Corina Iwanski Chadwick, Carly, Quinten, Andrew	4121 W Leighton Avenue Neil Kringel, Aleciya, Blake, Chase
1230 SW 17th Street Tammy Ready, Hanna, Tanner	2323 NW 41st Street Gregory & Connie Pautz, Jeremy, Phillip, Jeffery, Elizabeth, Matthew, Anthony
1624 West C Street Michael Dougherty & Debra Green, Brian, Patrick, Andrew	2401 SW Paul Whitehead Lane Bakir & Parween Mohammad, Tavan, Kouzan, Hansk, Hastyar
Seward Chapter Build	1537 Grace Avenue Charlene Allsman, Marissa, Kelly, Christina
3909 Madison Avenue Tammy Vesely, Trever, Tyler	1535 Grace Avenue Victor & Cindy Lind, Felicia, Natalia, Jadelynn, Joslynn
106 Irving Jennifer Hatfield, Kayla, Dakota, Ricky	2005
2002	1645 Prospect Street Jafar Jwamer & Khonaw Karim, Nawal, Negar, Dana, Naznaz, Sonoor, Mohammad
1616 West C Street Jassim Arraseef & Sallama Ali, Ann, Ahmad, Omar, Ali, Juman	2104 N 63rd Street Kathy Ortega, Conchetta, Bianca, Shyanna, Amber, Blessing, Julian
5300 W Leighton Avenue Teresa Kay Stewart, Austin	

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2005 (cont.)

1801 S 17th Street
Ramon & Kellie Noriega, Ramon, Octavio,
Fabiola, Josephina, Joaquin

239 West F Street
Cecelia Richard, Elise, Silas

2306 S 8th Street
Vicki Torres, Jeremy

920 W Welter Street
Andrea Acin & Marsa Majok, Amitwong, Terbaai,
Azal, Ayat

432 W Nance Street
Joseph Kur, Amira, Mach, Sara, Aker

424 W Nance Street
Mauro Gonzalez & Maria Dolores Aparicio R., Karen,
Alan, Jose

2300 SW Paul Whitehead Lane
Jihan Khidir, Karez, Rabar, Danar, Beenar

1414 N 14th Street
Pricella Lua, Rachel

4525 W Leighton Avenue
Danielle & Erik Burbach, Sharon, Anthony, Elizabeth

2007

1011 Sumner Street
Zeidan Kasem & Nazzo Kahlaf, Aman, Dilven

1709 N 30th Street
Zenobio & Melissa Gomez, Selina, Briana, Soraya,
Adina

2021 N 29th Street
Sara Pape, Taylor, Austin, Marian

4215 W Thatcher Lane
Peter Billiew & Nyadon Banong, Nyabang, Mayum,
Nyabuoy, Bhan

4235 W Thatcher Lane
Siddiq Nour and Samia Gamie, Ahmed, Aiah,
Mohammed, Eiman

2008

3285 Leighton Avenue
Regina Boone, Latesha, Torey

4129 W Thatcher Lane
Corrina Muratella, Marinah, Jada, Kiara, Isaiah

1511 D Street
Jesus & Martha Esquivel

Under Construction

5640 Kearney Avenue
Deb Canby, Armando, Miryca

1831 NW 46th Street
Akot Tong & Ayak Kual, Deng, Amiir, Akual, Adon, Atak,
Arac

4701 W Gary Gately Street
Haider Al-Ghareeb & Zeanb Ateyca, Nour, Ruqyia,
Maryam, Sandas

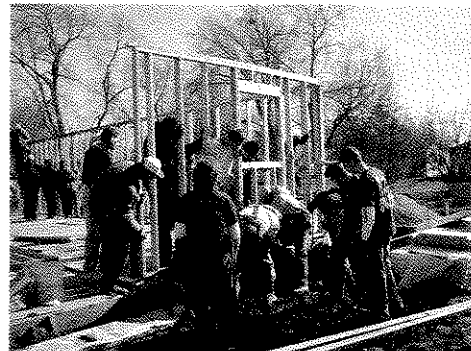
1833 NW 47th Street
Sadiq Ali-Abij & Wefa Alaziz, Zehra, Amean, Taleb, Jafar

1825 NW 47th Street
Hussain & Hyam Al-Waely, Ali, Sarah, Haider

3333 X Street
Amy Moran, Kiara

2351 SW Craig Dodge Road
Delia Mendez, Daniel, Lizzette, Viridiana, Brandon

2447 NW 44th Street
Abeny Kucha, Dominic, Jok, Mathayo



"Ultimately, it's not so much about the number of houses as it is about the transformation of both Habitat families and volunteers working with our families. Each family has taken the hand up Habitat provides and built a more promising future for themselves. And every volunteer has been enriched by the blessing that comes from giving of themselves."

Former Habitat CEO

Paul Leonard

Reflecting on HFHI 200,000th house

June 2005

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NANCY'S NOTES

BY NANCY MUEHLING, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Let's look into the future.....

It's spring, 2009. Flowers are blooming, birds are building their nests and Abney Kucha is moving into her new home.....the 100th home that Lincoln/Lancaster County Habitat for Humanity affiliate has built.

What an accomplishment for this community and its wonderful core of volunteers. Even more important than the houses themselves, however, is the fact that these 100 homes have provided decent, affordable shelter for 474 people! And that's something to celebrate.

This 100th house is just one way to quantify Habitat's work over the past 20 years in our community. It's a great example of the hard work and dedication that so many volunteers, donors and homeowners have given to this mission. There is really no way to measure the impact of this work on the community or the quality of life it has afforded these families and their neighborhoods.

The day Abney moves into the 100th home there will still be new basements being dug and roofs being raised for yet more Habitat homes. The need for affordable housing continues to grow. So what can we expect from Habitat in the next 20 years? The next 10 years? I think we will be marching to the next milestone, our ultimate goal.....to erase poverty housing from the Lincoln landscape.

*"Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir men's blood.
And probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans.
Aim high in hope and work remembering that a noble logical
diagram once recorded will not die."*

Daniel H. Burnham