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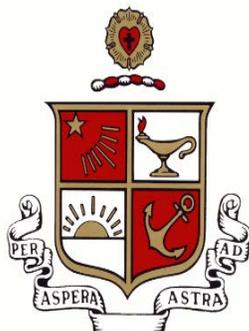


“Working beside the new homeowners makes it much more personal, because you think, ‘This is the person who’s going to lay their head on the bed at night.’”

— Habitat volunteer

We were blessed to present the Weltha Family with their home on August 25th. We are so thankful to the Weltha family for their partnership. They are purchasing their new home with a 0% mortgage finance by Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa. They'll join the 60 other Habitat homeowners with HFHCI. These families help build more house by making their monthly mortgage payments. HFHCI uses the income from the mortgages, along with local contributions to fund future homes.

It is so important that we thank our Carpenters Club members who pledge a monetary donation in honor of each home dedication. The money we receive from their continued generosity made it possible for the Weltha Family to receive their home. Because Carpenter Club members continue to support HFHCI, more homes are being built, communities are being strengthened, and families are being supported.



On November 3rd, the Beta Sigma Psi fraternity hosted an all-you-can-eat brunch with funds going to Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa. We have had a long standing partnership with these upstanding young men, and are blessed by their hearts for philanthropy and community engagement. If you frequent our store you may notice some of these young men volunteering. They are a great addition in helping us to move and arrange furniture. Their hard work brought in almost \$2,000 dollars for the Morningside build. Such a blessing.

Habitat for Humanity® Store®



Greetings From Your Central Iowa Store

If you've never been to the Central Iowa Store in Ames, you are missing out on this great resource. The store is a good deal for you, your community, and the environment.

The Ames store is a home improvement store and donation center that sells new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials and more to the public at a fraction of the retail price.

So, how are they associated with The Central Iowa Habitat for Humanity? A portion of the profits goes to Habitat to help build strength, stability, & self-reliance through shelter. It's as simple as, donate, shop, build homes!

To donate your gently used items, please give us a call on our donation hot-line at **515-232-8815**.

Be sure to follow us on our Social Media outlets. Regularly we will be posting deals and discounts that will save you even more.

We want you to know how grateful we are for your continued support. As a donor, shopper and volunteer, you help Habitat for Humanity build homes and hope for families right here in Central Iowa.

Thank you for your continued support,

Dan Thomsen-Store Manager
storemanager@hfhci.org

Welcome Our New Staff



Dan Nutini is the owner of Nutini Architecture. Not only did he accept the position as our office manager, he also has created the recent design for our new building project on Morningside. Dan and his wife, Wendy, have two sons. A true Cyclone fan, Dan studied architecture at Iowa State University.



Andrea recently accepted the position as our Community Outreach Coordinator. Andrea has gained volunteer and service experiencing serving in Haiti over the past few years. She is married to Pastor Joseph Weber of Stonebridge Church, and has two boys. A graduate of the University of Iowa, she is working hard to embrace the Cyclone Nation she will be serving. With lots of ideas and ambition, Andrea is eager to get started.

Do you have some great ideas of how Habitat can get involved in the community more? Email them to outreach@hfhci.org

Wheatsfield CO-OP, a staple in our Ames community since 1974 has generously partnered with HFHCI in their Change for Change campaign. Throughout the month of November shoppers can round up to the nearest dollar at the checkout with all funds being donated to HFHCI. Be sure to support local as you shop this holiday season.



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October 7, 2019 served as a very special day for HFHCI. Mayor Haila declared the day World Habitat Day and read a proclamation at the ceremony. Many community members and neighbors were in attendance for the special ceremony. The day was also marked with a ground breaking and blessing for the new housing project on Morningside.



It is not about how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.
-Mother Theresa



Help Us Consider End of Year Giving

It is hard to believe that 2019 is quickly coming to an end. By the time this letter reaches your mail box you will most likely be thinking of tree decorating and preparing your Christmas card mailing list. At HFHCI we want to send a special thank you for all of your generosity throughout the year. With every dollar you donate, every hour you volunteer, and every message of hope you share, you are standing up for your fellow neighbor. You are making an impact by strengthening your community and the social fabric that binds us together. Everything that we are able to accomplish here at Habitat is provided because someone said yes to giving. Though the year is coming to an end, our dreams for Central Iowa are still growing. There are many more families that need affordable housing. That is why we humbly come to you and ask for you to consider us in your end of year giving.

Help build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter by making a donation to HFHCI. Every donor will be recognized by name in our next newsletter. As always, all donations made are tax deductible.

Suggested Giving Levels:

- \$25 – Bundle of Roof Shingles
- \$50 – Bucket of Nails
- \$100 – Kitchen Sink
- \$150 – Window
- \$200 – Toilet
- \$250 – Door
- \$500 – Siding
- \$1,000 – Drywall

Goal: \$15,000

As the year comes to an end, thank you for remembering us into the next year. Together we are building a better tomorrow.



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Meet Daniel Gheresus and his wife Senait Tekle, son Aron Gheresus, and daughter Hiyab Gheresus. The Gheresus family will be the recipients of our newest home project on Morningside. This particular housing project is special in that we are partnering with the City of Ames. Along with working his normal job, Daniel is volunteering in our store and will use his very hands to help build his families homes.

A special thanks to the students at DMACC, the ISU Habitat Club Chapter, and the Beta Sigma Psi fraternity who will also be helping in the construction of this home.





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Donate, Volunteer, Advocate

- Make a donation to Central Iowa's Habitat Restore
- Volunteer on one of our build sites
- Be an advocate: Share the Habitat story with others and help raise awareness

For more information,
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The Director's Corner



HFHCI Empowering Families to Help Themselves

Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa (HFHCI) is a **partnership, not a giveaway program**. Our homeowner families **buy** the homes that our affiliate builds and renovates. Habitat homeowners also invest hundreds of hours of their own labor (sweat equity) working alongside community volunteers. As a result, HFHCI houses are affordable to low-income families in our area. Habitat homeowners pay an affordable mortgage, receive financial education and help build their homes alongside volunteers.

Unwavering support from our donors and volunteers has assisted HFHCI in helping over 60 families secure decent, affordable housing. This includes **243 family members and 166 children**. Because of you, these families were able to obtain a safer place to sleep at night, along with the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives. But it's not enough. We need your support to build our impact. And with your help, we know we can do more.

Thanks to your financial support, HFHCI recently remodeled a home located at 401 16th Street in Eldora and also one located at 1228 Stafford in Ames. Construction just began on a new home at 3305 Morningside in Ames. We want to increase our builds and our numbers. We need your help.

Here at Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa we know that a decent home provides the strength, stability and independence that families need. Becoming a homeowner provides a strong foundation and a sense of accomplishment. A decent, safe and affordable place to live transforms a family's life in other key ways as well, including: better health and safer living conditions, growth in many areas of child development, financial learning and responsibility, and community strength-with a chance to give back to our community. Increased family stability and economic mobility, a greater sense of dignity and civic pride, stronger and more vibrant communities that can attract and keep business and manufacturing — these are all connected to stable, decent, affordable housing.

Please consider giving financially to support our efforts in Hamilton, Hardin, and Story counties. Because of your generous donations many families in our communities can realize the dream of home ownership.

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