



# Habitat Happenings

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## Keep in the "Know"



**We will be closed**  
 Thanksgiving  
 November 26-27th



**We will be closed**  
 Christmas eve - New Years Day  
 Dec. 24th - Jan 2nd

## Follow us!

Check us out on Facebook and our website for our many upcoming events in the community.

## Bringing Home the Bacon!

If you were passing by downtown Sioux City on Saturday, October 8, you may have caught a whiff of bacon! Habitat was thrilled to have had nearly 2,000 people from all around Siouxland who came to support our third annual BaconFest fundraiser presented by Seaboard Triumph Foods. With BaconFest's unseasonably warm, fall weather and savory bacon, we couldn't have asked for a more pleasant sight or smell. Our 15 vendors served over 30 different varieties of bacon awesomeness in the form of chocolate covered bacon, bacon chili and even bacon pizza (to name a few)! Held at Hard Rock's Battery Park, guests could take part in the kids' area, photo booth, silent auction, and a bacon eating contest, or just sit back, soak in the live music by GypsyLover and GhostShip while catching up with friends and eating until their heart (or belly) was content. A lot of work and prayer went into the planning and growing of our event. With the diligent help of our sponsors, volunteers and BaconFest Committee members, SHFH raised over \$35,000 - that's more than a 50% increase over last year! Habitat for Humanity appreciates the community's support in helping us continue our mission to build affordable housing in the Siouxland. You can bet your bacon we will be back next year so please mark your calendars for October 14, 2017... because fundraising never tasted so good!



## Construction Continues

The community that God brings together for each and every project is one of the most tangible expressions of his love. We are amazed at how God provides the right people at the right time to accomplish his purposes. With our house in Ireton, we have been blessed to have local individuals, churches and businesses share their time and talents to continue rehabbing this relocated home. The roof has been re-shingled, driveway poured, old siding removed, plumbing roughed-in and most of the deconstruction completed. Our rehab home on Ross St. in Sioux City only has a small amount of plumbing and heating work before we can put grass seed down for completion. Our W. 4<sup>th</sup> St. house is progressing with the help of volunteer labor and the basement walls will be poured soon so the house can be set on its new foundation. Our new construction home on Harkin Pl. is nearly complete with cabinets and trim work next on our list. Lastly, our home in North Sioux City needs the decking and subfloor put on before heavy snow falls. We look forward to finishing as much exterior work as possible before colder weather comes and continuing the interior work as needed. It has been a blast to work with many new faces on our construction sites. Thank you, all!!

## Siouxland Habitat for Humanity Mission Statement:

"Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope."  
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## Letter from the Executive Director



Fall is definitely my favorite time of year; not just for the cooler temperatures and beautiful colors found in nature, but because Fall is such a great time to reflect on everything that we have to be grateful for. Thanksgiving is a holiday where the tradition is to give ONLY, with no expectation of receiving. For me, there are so many family traditions and memories surrounding Thanksgiving. Growing up I'd watch my Nana and older sister make pies at my grandmother's house and we'd play a very competitive game of hide-and-go-seek outside with my cousins as they made their annual trip to Iowa to my parent's house. Now, with a family of my own, my husband and I challenge ourselves to make sure we've tried all of our favorite dishes when splitting time between my parents and my in-law's home and we attend church service in God's home to renew our spirit and reflect on our blessings. All of my memories specifically take place at a home where I know I am safe and surrounded by loved-ones. Several of the families who come to Habitat in need of decent, safe and affordable housing aren't looking for big houses; they're thankful for just enough space for their family to eat together this Thanksgiving. They, as well as I, am thankful for supporters like you that help Habitat for Humanity. On behalf of those in need of better homes, and my staff and I who have the privilege to do this work that we're so proud to be a part of, thank you!

Sincerely

*Katie E. Roberts*

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### New Partner Family The Devila's

Our partner families each come to us with their own unique story; Leticia Devila is no exception. Two years ago, Leticia and her two daughters, Thalia (15) and Tiffany (13), wanted a restart on life and chose to come to Iowa in order to live closer to family. Having lived in Corpus Christi, Texas, their whole life, they had never seen snow in person so Iowa was quite a change for them! Leticia, Thalia and Tiffany currently live in a one-bedroom apartment which does not allow for enough privacy to dress or room to sleep. However, needing to stay within a one-income budget meant their options were limited so they have had to make it work. Leticia's sister recommended Habitat for Humanity as she became a Habitat homeowner three years ago. Leticia is now busy working on her sweat-equity. She feels that it has been hard to balance work, family and her required sweat-equity hours, but knows it will be well worth it in the end. "I've been renting my whole life, when the time comes, I'll be ready to say, 'this is my home!'" Because our partner families' success is the most rewarding part of our work, we can't wait for that time either!

### Board Member Allison Cohrs



In this newsletter, we wanted to focus on one of our newer board members; meet Allison Cohrs! Allison became aware of Siouxland Habitat for Humanity and was selected to serve on our board through her involvement on a neighborhood coalition. She stated that she has enjoyed this last year learning about our mission and getting plugged in. Allison lives in Sioux City and works as an OR-RN at a local surgical hospital. She is a wife, a mother to four kids and loves to make homemade soap and play piano when she can find the time. She also leads a Bible study for her church, but admits that most of her free time revolves around her kids and their activities. Allison's help extends outside the boardroom walls in her service on our ReStore committee; by swinging a hammer alongside many other volunteers during our Women Build Week last April; and as our "Vendor Assistant" volunteer at BaconFest. Allison said that this is the most fun she's had on a board! We appreciate her "can-do" attitude and look forward to having her support throughout her board term and beyond.

### SUPERHEROES WANTED



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Hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm. If you have experience with retail or customer service and are looking for an opportunity to have your holidays, evenings and guarantee Sundays off, consider applying to work in the ReStore. We are looking for people who qualify to drive our ReStore truck for donation pick-ups, must be 25 years old or older. Contact Lorenzo at 712-224-6133, stop by the office or visit our website for more info. EOE, must pass background check before hired.

