## Newsletter SPRING 2016





## **Building Homes, Building Hope**

Construction season has begun! Our first hole for year has been dug! As we head into another construction season, we want to thank all our volunteers and donors for helping us build homes, communities and hope.

Locations for our new homes this year are: 1759 N. Maxwell, 1774 E.

Victoria Lane and 2487 N. Dover Lane.

We are also "recycling" three homes this year, located at 436 W. Jeffer-

son, 1215 E. 3rd St., and 541 W. Jensen.

This year's families are:

Sandra Paredes & Miguel Morales and their 2 children.

Kari Nickolite and her 2 children.

Pedro Bernal and Erika Delasancha and their 4 children.

David & Stacy Manzer and their 2 children.

Evelyn Martinez and her 3 children.

Candace Welter and her 3 children.

Did you do the math? That's 6 families – 9 adults and 16 children!



Once again, we believe we have selected some wonderful, hardworking, well-deserving families. If you ever get a chance to meet and talk with our families, we think you will be impressed! They are excited, motivated and ready to start building their homes! We invite you to swing by and see what we are doing. To volunteer, call us, sign up online or meet at 701 E. Dodge at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 7:30 a.m. on Saturdays.

Our newest families! We closed on the loans in January & February 2016. Here are pictures of our newest homeowners! Congratulations!









These 4 families put in over 1600 hours of sweat equity! (our required hours were 1300).

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## Habitat for Humanity

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Pastor Steph Tollefson First Lutheran Church

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### **Thrivent Builds**

a home.

Our Habitat affiliate has again been awarded \$55,000 towards one of our homes this year through the Thrivent Builds program. The Thrivent home will be on Victoria Lane—look for the Thrivent sign. We work with Habitat for Humanity International, Thrivent Financial, and local Thrivent representatives and volunteers to build

This funding has been a blessing for this affiliate, helping cover the cost of one of our homes for many years. We are grateful for Thrivent's support of our efforts to provide decent, affordable homes in partnership with our families. Thank you Thrivent!!

## Meet Amber LaMar Our HomeStore Retail Coordinator

Amber joined our team in January as our HomeStore Retail Coordinator. If you've noticed things are more organized, Amber did it! She is super creative and loves repurposing, so watch for exciting things in the future. Welcome Amber!





Meet Pat Brown Our Construction Manager

We are thrilled to announce that we have a new Construction Manager that will be starting in May. Pat Brown, who knows his stuff, will be leading our volunteers and homeowners in getting our homes built! Welcome Pat!

**Fremont Church of the Nazarene-Parking Lot Home Build** On Saturday May 21st, join the Nazarene Church & Habitat to build a house in the Church parking lot! Everyone and all ages are invited to come out and help with the build. The fun and work will start at 8am on that Saturday. Sign up by emailing to: churchoffice@fremontnazare.org or call the Church office at 402-727-6445 or sign up online at: <u>http:// bit.ly/21hlZki.</u>

## **IN MEMORY**

Gifts in memory of the following individuals have been received:

Anonymous Janet Brabec

<u>Rchard E. Getzschman</u> Dolores Getzschman

<u>Perry & Eleanor Millie</u> Joseph & Sharon Bassarab

Edwin & Myra Parr Maxine Turner

Julius & Polly Thurin Michael Hogan

<u>Richard O. Wikert</u> Martha E. Wikert Jim Christianson Rita Christianson

<u>Ted & Hazel Lanz, John Lanz</u> DeAnna Goodenough

<u>Denny Papa</u> Papa Trucking Mervin Boschult Irrevocable Trust

Emma & Alois Totusek

Jerry Vondenkamp Betty Vondenkamp

## **IN HONOR**

Gifts in honor of the following individuals have been received:

Paul Von Seggernby Mary VyhlidalMax Christensenby Roger & Colleen DilleyOur Grandchildrenby Dave & Lea MillieRon Schultzby Russ LangPriscilla Wilson's 70th BirhdayJoseph & Sharon BassarabRonald & Laura CroomScott & Susan BulfinchTerry & Linda McClainPhyllis Pearson & Daniel BohnerLloyd & Betty BrooksGerhart Wehrbein & Nancy HarmsGary & Marcia Fouraker

#### **Planned Giving**

Talk to your financial planner about including Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity in your estate plans. Your estate plan can provide you with a variety of ways to help provide decent shelter for families in need.

## We 🎔 our Groundbreakers!

Every year, our Groundbreakers donate a set amount for each house we build. They are ever faithful and support us when we most need it - during construction season. Call or email to join this club! Our Mailing Address: PO Box 932 Fremont, NE 68026-0932

Our Office Location: 701 East Dodge Street Fremont, NE

Office Hours: The office is usually open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday – Friday

**Phone:** 402-721-8771

Email: info@fremonthabitat.org

**Website:** www.fremonthabitat.org

**STAFF:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Joy McKay

> VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Ashley Wolfe

BOOKKEEPER: Betsy Hulett

HOMESTORE RETAIL COORDINATOR: Amber LaMar

> CONSTRUCTION MANAGER: Pat Brown

### Welcome to our new board members:

#### Jane Martin-Hoffman

Jane is the Executive Director of the Nebraska Mediation Center, and is a Mediator. She is a member of the Nebraska Mediation Association, Association of Family & Conciliation Courts, and the National Association of Community Mediation. She enjoys exercise, gardening and cooking.

#### **Alison Pospisil**

Alison is a supervisor at Hormel and owns CityCab. She is good at organizing and enjoys jumping in and getting things done. She enjoys crafts, home improvements, reading, and helping support our community.

#### Pastor Steph Tollefson

Pastor Steph is a new Pastor at First Lutheran Church. She grew up in North Dakota, and served two congregations there, one of which was very involved with Habitat. She has served on a Bible camp board, and on the Community Violence Intervention Center Board in North Dakota. She currently serves as a Board member for Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. She feels that helping people find a "home" is what she is called to do, and is excited about working with Habitat. Her husband Marty is the Senior Pastor at First Lutheran and they have two daughters, ages four and six.

We want to thank First National Bank who services all of our Habitat loans. This is a huge donation that is done behind the scenes, without recognition. Thank you First National!



Please join us for our 12th Annual Charity Inspired Golf Outing Friday, July 22, 2016 8 am & 1:30 pm Shotgun Start \*Fremont Golf Club\*

<u>More Info: Shannon Mullen (402)721-2264</u> <u>www.mainstreetfremont.org</u>

<u>Proceeds Benefit:</u> Care Corps, Habitat for Humanity, Low Income Ministry & MainStreet of Fremont

## Habitat for Humanity

## We LOVE our volunteers

We can use your help!



- Construction-skilled or unskilled
- Providing coffees or lunches for our volunteers
- Volunteering to help with special events (like Mr. Habitat)
- Volunteering to be on one of our committees
- Volunteering to be the Habitat contact at your church
- Praying for our Volunteers, Homeowners, Board & staff
- Volunteering at our HomeStore: On the sales floor, accepting donations, specialty areas, sorting and organizing, repairing items, and more
- Helping in the office, especially data entry

To volunteer, call or email Ashley, or sign up online.

We can use you if you have a hammer, a spatula or a pen!



# Habitat for Humanity



Antonio Barber, Dr. Ben Peters, Rick Colgan, Steve Kracl, and Tehl Keslar vied for the title of Mr. Habitat 2016, on April 9th.

There was talent, beachwear, formalwear, dancing, and fun had by all! Ben Peters is the new reigning Mr. Habitat!







A very special thank you to all of our silent auction beer tote decorators — the totes were AWESOME!



This event raised over \$30,000 — thanks to these five contestants! Wow!

On April 21st, we held our first Thrivent private Shopping Event, for Thrivent members only — Thank you Thrivent!

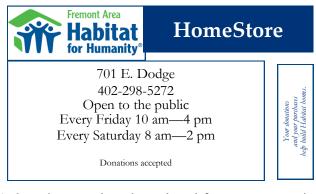


### SPRING CLEANING?

Donate your unwanted new and gently used items to the Habitat HomeStore. Drop off your items on Fridays from 10-4 and Saturdays from 8-2, or call us at 402-298-5272 to arrange a pickup.



Mr. Habitat 2016



A donation envelope is enclosed for anyone wanting to donate to Habitat for Humanity. Thank you!

If you would prefer to receive this newsletter via email, please send an email to joy@fremonthabitat.org, and we'll add you to the email list. Thank you.

Our 2015 Annual Report is available.

Postage paid



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