



## Newsletter

### Our New Partner Homeowners

We are working hard to get our homes built! The large amount of rain this year has put us quite a bit behind, so we are making great use of our Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday work-days. Once again, our goal is to have our families in their homes by Christmas. Our families are getting anxious to get moved in after working so hard to get their homes built. They all have put in almost all of their sweat equity hours, but know they have to keep working until the homes are done.



These four homes will house seven adults and fifteen children that have been living in unsafe, unaffordable or overcrowded conditions. We are getting close to the absolute best part of the Habitat process—when we dedicate the homes, close on the house loans, and the families finally get to move in.

We are SO blessed to have so many volunteers who helped build these homes—both our “regulars” and those who have worked off and on, or even just one day. We’ve had special groups and people doing community service work side by side with our future homeowners. We could not get these homes built without our volunteers! We are thankful!

We are also thankful for those who provide the coffee breaks and lunches to our construction crew. We have a large number of individuals, churches, groups, homeowners and businesses who provide coffee and a snack in the morning for our volunteers, and provide lunch on Saturdays for them. Our construction and HomeStore volunteers greatly appreciate this.



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!





### 2015 Board of Directors

**Nick Vrba, President**

First State Bank & Trust

**Robert Denton, Vice President**

Nebraska Probation

**Mandy Petersen, Treasurer**

First National Bank Fremont

**Amy Cone, Secretary**

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Retired

**Gary Bolton**

Retired

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**Dr. Colleen Dilley, M.D.**

Retired

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**Scott Jensen**

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Smeal Apparatus

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**Dave Millie**

Retired

**Barb Pierce**

Greater Fremont Development Council

**Clayton Timperley**

Jetter's Plumbing

### **New Board members**

Each year, several board members normally rotate off of the Board of Directors. Our Board members serve a 3 year term, with a maximum of two terms. This year, we have four members ending their first term and we are hoping they continue for a second term. We don't have any ending a second term. We also lost Steve Ondracek from the Board recently, due to many other things keeping his busy. Thank you Steve for your time on the Board. Our new 2016 Board members will be introduced in the Spring newsletter.

### **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. In your will you may decide to leave Habitat: a specific amount of money, a percentage of your estate, all or part of the residue of your estate, or what's left after loved ones have been provided for.

### **Habitat HomeStore**

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The Habitat HomeStore is open Fridays from 10 am to 4 pm and Saturdays from 8 am to 2 pm. We are located at 701 E. Dodge Street.

Our goal with the HomeStore is to help Habitat build homes. The profits from the HomeStore go to help fund Habitat, ultimately resulting in building homes. The HomeStore has proven to be very successful so far, with generous donations from the community, and ever increasing numbers of shoppers. Our volunteer crew that runs the HomeStore is committed to our mission, and spend countless hours volunteering.

We appreciate those of you who donate to the HomeStore. The reuse of furniture and household goods, the use of leftover building materials, and the repurposing of numerous items, all benefit our environment, and provide affordable items for people in our community. Thank you for your donations!

If you haven't visited the HomeStore yet—come check it out! You'll be amazed at what we have, and at our great prices! We are open to the Public.

### Volunteering Opportunities:

Do you have some mad skills? Or do you just like to help out?  
Are you looking for something to do? Do you like to have fun?  
Then come join us!

We can use your help with:

- ♦ 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
  - specialty areas
  - repairing items
  - sorting and donations
  - sorting and organizing
  - and lots more
- ♦ Helping in the office, especially data entry
- ♦ And, last but not least, building homes

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

Volunteer Orientations are starting this month, so let us know and we'll sign you up!

P.S. Did we mention that **We LOVE our volunteers!**

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

#### **Our Mailing Address:**

PO Box 932  
Fremont, NE 68026-0932

#### **Our Office Location:**

701 E. 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 Ryan



### **HomeStore**

701 E. Dodge  
402-298-5272  
Open to the public  
Every Friday 10 am—4 pm  
Every Saturday 8 am—2 pm

Your donations  
and purchases  
help build Habitat homes.



Join our FaceBook page at <https://www.facebook.com/fremonthabitat>

Are you a **Groundbreaker**?? If you are, THANK YOU!

We couldn't build homes without you!!

If you are not, now is your chance! **Groundbreakers** are our foundation. **Groundbreakers** provide consistent support during construction season—pledging a specific amount (\$50, \$100 or more) for each house built during the year (generally 4 homes/year). Call or email for more information about this program. This is a great way to give throughout the year, when we most need it, and when our costs are highest.

We invite you to be a **Groundbreaker**.

## 75 HOUSES

This year, we are celebrating our 75th home. We held a celebration on September 22nd, starting with a Chamber Coffee at 9 am and continuing through lunch. We had a great turnout!

We couldn't have reached #75 without YOUR help—your financial assistance, your volunteer labor, or your prayers and moral support.

Thanks to YOU, 75 families have had more opportunities, live in healthier environments, and are more financially stable.

Let's celebrate!!!



### Our Habitat Garden!

This year, in partnership with Three Rivers Health District and the Extension Office, we started a garden—available to any of our homeowners who wanted to participate. Yum!





## IN HONOR

**Gifts in honor of the following individuals have been received:**

Linda & Terry McClain

By Dr. Richard & Barbara Coke

Ioy McKay

By Olive Joannides

(yep, that's my mom :))

## IN MEMORY

**Gifts in memory of the following individuals have been received:**

George Adams—Theresa Adams

Richard Cartwright—Helene Cartwright

Robert Darley—SJ & Melvin Macrander

Max Earl—Steve & Celeste Samuelson

Shirley Eaton—Mary Letterman

Rudy Meduna Family—Mel & Shirley Macrander

Lyle C. Petersen—Elizabeth Jane Petersen

Pauline Updike—Roger & Colleen Dilley



### **2015 Shed Build at First State Bank & Trust.**

Thank you First State for helping us build four sheds in your parking lot! What a great day!



**Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.**



## 21st (WOW!) Annual SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thursday, November 5th 5 to 7 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church • 1546 N. Luther Rd • Fremont

Cost: 10 tickets in advance for \$63.00 • \$7.00 at the door

Children 5 and under eat free • Call 402-721-8771 to order

**Carry-out Dinners available**

*Supplemental funds provided by Dodge County Chapter Thrivent Financial*

*Amounts over \$2.14 are tax deductible. Meal: \$2; Tax @ 7%: \$.14*

If you would like to donate to Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity, please do so online at [www.fremonthabitat.org](http://www.fremonthabitat.org), or mail your donation to PO Box 932, Fremont, NE 68026. Thank you!

If you would prefer to receive this newsletter via **email**, please send an email to [joy@fremonthabitat.org](mailto:joy@fremonthabitat.org), and we'll add you to the email list. Thank you.



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