

Newsletter

SPRING 2017



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Building Homes, Building Hope

Construction season is almost here! 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 all located behind Bomgaar's: two homes on Dover and one on Victoria.

This year's families are:

Blanca & Miguel Peralta and five children.

Ashley Peyton and her three children.

Edy Garcia & Elsa Mejia and their four children.

That's 5 adults and 12 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 Thursdays and Fridays, and 7:30 a.m. on Saturdays.



Our newest families! We closed on the loans in January, February & March (finally!).

Here are pictures of our newest homeowners! Congratulations!



Building Homes, Building Hope

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Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity is proud to be participating in the Fremont Area Big Give, a 24-hour charitable challenge powered by the Fremont Area Community Foundation. The online giving holiday will take place May 9 from midnight to midnight. Mark your calendars because we will need your help! We will be joining 43 other local nonprofits to raise money together and compete for prize money—the more donors we get to give to us, the more likely we

are to win prizes and boost bonus dollars! The Fremont Area Big Give is a community-wide event to show off the Fremont area's spirit of giving, raise awareness about local nonprofits, and celebrate the collective effort it takes to make this area great.

Learn more at FremontAreaBigGive.org/fremonhabitat.

How can you help Fremont Habitat during the Fremont Area Big Give?

- **Save the date.** May 9, 2017 will be a great day of generosity in the Fremont area. Get excited and ready to share your enthusiasm for Habitat throughout the day.
- **Schedule a gift!** For your convenience, you can donate online between May 1 and May 8. We encourage you to donate early if you cannot participate on May 9.
- **Donate to us** on May 9!
- **Spread the word!** Tell your friends that you will be giving to Fremont Habitat during the Fremont Area Big Give on May 9 and that you need their help.
- **Post about Fremont Area Big Give** on your social media pages. Let your friends and followers know how they can give and how their donations can help us win prize funds. Don't forget to use #FremontAreaBigGive
- **Cheer us on!** On May 9, watch the leaderboard on FremontAreaBigGive.org and stay up-to-date on our progress via social media.
- **Thank you for your support!** Thank you for your ongoing support of Habitat! We can't wait to see the Fremont area band together to give big!
- **Share/Like/Retweet!** Share or like our posts on Facebook.com/FremontHabitat. Retweet us—Twitter.com/fremonhabitat. Follow us on Instagram—Fremont_Habitat.

Fremont Church of the Nazarene-Parking Lot Home Build

Yes, again this year, you can 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 Parking Lot Build is scheduled for **August 26th!** Watch for more information, or contact the office at 402-721-8771 or info@fremonhabitat.org, if you want to help!

IN MEMORY

Gifts in memory of the following individuals have been received:

Ray Aerni & Rod Urban

By Mike & Karen Aerni

Richard Getzschman

By Dolores Getzschman

Ted & Hazel Lanz, John Lanz

By DeAnna Goodenough

Edwin & Myra Parr

By Maxine Turner

Jerry Vondenkamp

By Betty Vondenkamp

Jody Draemel

By Roger & Colleen Dilley

Jim & Helen Juul

By Ron & Barb Lau

Eleanor & Perry Millie

By Dave & Lea Millie

Michael Prokop

By Gene & Margaret Steffensmeier

Leonard Wilder

By Jeffery & Shelly Peterson

Don Kruse

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Friends of Muffie Goman

Muffie Goman

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Milt & Bonnie Havekost

Harold Hultquist

LeRoy & Reita Kraemer

L.A. Frisbie & Mildred Miller

Joyce & Richard Myers

Loren Nothwehr

Nancy Nothwehr

LaRae Plessing

Molly Rainey

Don Wegman

(Don Kruse was our Construction Manager for many years, supervising the construction of many of our Habitat homes.

We are grateful for all he did for Habitat!)



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:

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The office is usually open
from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Save the date!

CHARITY CLASSIC Golf Tournament

July 21, 2017

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

Welcome to our new board members:

Oscar Duran

Oscar is the Director of Development and Stewardship at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. He serves on the Boards of Fremont Creative Collective, Ideal Fremont, Office of Neighborhood Engagement (ONE Omaha) and Heartland 2050 (MAPA). His interests include Community Development, Neighborhood Coalition Building, music, vintage mopeds, art, historic preservation, construction and housing. He has ten years of experience in community development with specialization in housing. He previously worked for HFH Omaha, and spearheaded revamping their housing programs and creating Neighborhood Revitalization programs.

Tim Ferguson

Tim is Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Christensen Lumber. He is involved with Metro Omaha Builders Association, Build Omaha, Home Builders Association of Lincoln, NAHB, Northwest Lumber Dealers Assn, Const. Empl. Assn., NE Codes Compliance Collaborative, and First Lutheran Church. He has served previously on the Board of Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity and has continued to be involved with fundraising events. Tim enjoys all sports, especially golf, and anything his kids are into.

Evelyn Martinez

Evelyn is the Bilingual Medical Assistant at Three Rivers Health Department. She is a Community Health Worker, and affiliated with Una Fremont con dignidad. Interacting with and helping others is her passion. She recently purchased her Habitat home and is always willing to help in any way she can. Evelyn enjoys dancing, community service, and kid & youth dance teams.

Matt Mueller

Matt is a Commercial Lender at First National Bank. He currently serves on the Bergan Alumni Board, and St. Patrick's Stewardship and Hospitality Committees. He is also involved with the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Fremont, and Chambernet. He enjoys golf, baseball, gardening, and playing with his kids.

Trisha Rohlfs

Trisha is a Legal Assistant at Yost Law Firm and has been actively involved with Habitat as a volunteer for years. She has served as Chairperson of the Family Selection committee, and assisted with Mr. Habitat pageants. She is involved at First Lutheran Church, with the Alex Lamme Annual 5k Race committee, and assisting her son with the Annual Jackson 5k Run. She enjoys running, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

SPRING CLEANING?

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



IN HONOR

Gifts in honor of the following individuals have been received:

Jim & Maria Moore by Roger & Colleen Dilley

Rev. Scott Jensen by Dick & Paula Hendricksen

23rd Family Med by Dr. Milo Anderson

Volunteers of Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity by Dave & Sheila Monke

Carolyn Nordstrom's Birthday by Karl & Joan Nordstrom

Rylin Auch by Corey Auch

Nick Schreck for donating his time & expertise to Fremont Area Big Give by
Fremont Area Community Foundation

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!

Beams & Dreams 2017

Our 1st Beams & Dreams Talent Competition was held on April 1st, taking the place of Mr. Habitat.

We had five very talented contestants, as well as five past Mr. Habitat contestants performing our Opening Act. Our Amazing Talent included: Company B Dancers, Payton Eyler, Aaron Mercado, Jeremy Murman and Mike Robinson.



Payton
Eyler

**Jeremy
Murman
was our
2017 Beams
& Dreams
Winner!!**



Jeremy Murman



Company B Dancers



Mike
Robinson



Aaron Mercado

A very special thank you to all of our silent auction flower decorators and our upcyclers—they were AWESOME!


This event raised over \$17,000 — thanks to these five contestants! Wow!

A very special thank you to our Corporate sponsors—First National Bank, Christensen Lumber, KHUB and Vic's Photography, as well as our Table Sponsors.

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



Beams & Dreams 2017 Winner Jeremy Murman

 Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity®	HomeStore
701 E. Dodge 402-298-5272 Open to the public Every Friday 8 am—4 pm Every Saturday 8 am—2 pm Donations accepted	
Your donations and your purchases help build Habitat homes.	

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.

Our 2016 Annual Report is available—call or email us.

We LOVE our volunteers

We can use your hands!!

- ♦ Construction—skilled or unskilled (Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays)
- ♦ Providing coffees or lunches for our volunteers
- ♦ Volunteering to help with special events (like Beams & Dreams)
- ♦ 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 Nick (Nick@fremonthabitat.org) or sign up online.

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