

# On the Level

Newsletter



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## Spaghetti Dinner to be held Feb. 14 St. John Lutheran Church Site of Fundraiser

The annual Habitat for Humanity Spaghetti Fundraiser will be held Thursday, February 14. Meals will be served at St. John Lutheran Church, located at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Walnut, from 11:00-1:30 and 4:30-6:30.

Tickets are \$7 per person or \$20 for families.

Dine in or carry out. Deliveries are available for orders of 8 or more. Please place orders by Tuesday, February 12 so that necessary arrangements can be made. Orders may be placed by calling 620-232-3588.

### Want to help?

Donations of desserts are needed. Volunteers to work in the kitchen or serving are also welcome. For more information call 620-232-3588 or email [hfcrawford@gmail.com](mailto:hfcrawford@gmail.com).

## Application Period Open until February 28

Applications for our next partner family are now being accepted. The application period will be open until February 28, 2018. If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a partner family there are several ways you can get an application. You may call the office at 620-232-3588 and request an application. You may email a request for an application to [hfcrawford@gmail.com](mailto:hfcrawford@gmail.com).



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Construction Supervisor, Gerald Luttrell gives Amber Hardesty the keys to her new home. The dedication of the latest Habitat for Humanity house was January 13 in Girard.

## From Our Volunteer Coordinator. . .

I would like to thank all who came to work on the house in Girard. Out of curiosity, I looked up the number of volunteers and hours spent on that remodel. We had over 60 volunteers put in more than 160 hours of work to complete this home. Pretty amazing!

Currently, Habitat is building in Arma. There are volunteers building during the week, but there is no consistent schedule, if you contact me, I will get you in touch with the right person. I will update our Facebook page with volunteer opportunities, also.

Volunteers are needed to work each Saturday at the build site. Work begins at 9am and lunch is provided. No building skills are necessary. Our construction manager will guide and teach you what you need to know. If you would prefer to provide lunch for volunteers, that would be greatly appreciated, as well. We have fun as we work, come join the fun!

Please contact me, Christine Schindler at [hfcrawford@gmail.com](mailto:hfcrawford@gmail.com) or text me at 620-704-1664.

Thank you again for your support!"

## From the President . . .

Looking over our records I find that 2019 is the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Habitat for Humanity here in Crawford County. It seems like only yesterday that one woman, Julie Ferguson, brought together a small group of people who were interested in bringing this ministry to Crawford County. Within months we received our charter and began to build our first home. I think we were all a little surprised at how fast it all happened.

Since then, we have put 18 families in simple, decent homes with two more families currently working on their new homes in Arma, and Pittsburg. We also serve a family in Parsons after that affiliate closed.

Thanks to local churches four of those houses were built through Apostle's Builds and Thrivent Builds. Our local restaurants have contributed through both our Meals for Habitat program and providing meals for volunteers on workdays. I wish I could list every organization, club and business that has contributed in some way to our success.

I am especially thankful for Julie Ferguson, the lady who started us on this journey. Just as we were preparing to begin construction on our first house she was diagnosed with cancer and passed away before it was completed. I know that she would be so pleased with all we have accomplished and what we continue to work for, simple decent housing for all.

Lance Davis

## Meet Our Newest Partner Family

The first time Malloreë Buck stepped onto the subfloor of what will become her new home, she lay down and cried. A single mother who works for NPC International, she has worked long and hard to make a better life for her three children after they moved to Pittsburg in 2010 to be close to family.

Sofie is a HS sophomore who loves to cook and do needlework; she plans to attend nursing school. Logan is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and thrives on sports, and also really enjoys math and building things. Veda, who is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, is also science-oriented and an aficionado of the homemade slime craze, which no doubt endears her to any available toddlers she can cuddle and entertain (although perhaps less so to their parents!).

The whole family loves animals (they have three rescue cats and two rescue dogs), and they volunteer at the Humane Society when not hosting game nights or doing arts and crafts.

Finding affordable, decent housing has been a struggle, and they are eagerly looking forward to a house with manageable utility bills and newer safety features. "We're so grateful for the amazing opportunity to be a partner family because it will change our lives forever," Malloreë says. "Our lives will drastically improve, and I look forward to being a bigger part of our community once our housing situation improves. We never thought home ownership would be in our future. Thanks to our partnership with Habitat, it is!"

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## Reply Form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Yes! I want to support the work of Habitat for Humanity.*

\_\_\_ Enclosed please find my donation in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_, made payable to:

**Habitat for Humanity of Crawford County.**

\_\_\_ I would like to receive more information about the **Cornerstone Builders** program for donors.

\_\_\_ I would like to make an in-kind donation of supplies or building materials. Please call me to discuss this.

\_\_\_ I am interested in becoming a Habitat volunteer. Please send me an Interest/Skills form.

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