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Building our 15th home on 5th St. in 2025

October 2025

Home progress builds owner's dream

Two months ago, there was a foundation. A month ago, it was the outer shell of a house. Now more work has brought the **house at 1246 E. 5th St., Muscatine**, closer to looking like the home it will become for **Nicole Fulton** and her daughter, **Everleigh**, in the next few months.

"For me, when the drywall goes up, I will be able to start visualizing where things will go and what it will look like as a home," Nicole said.

During the HNI build day on Friday, Sept. 26, she visited with volunteers, explaining how rains earlier in the season delayed the building process. More recently, dry weather has allowed construction to move forward.

As part of Friday builds and at other times she is available, Nicole has been picking up debris in the yard, holding ladders, handing out tools and hauling drinks in for volunteers and contractors at the site.



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Over \$80k raised for local causes

Sixty "Edgers," or those who rappelled down the Laurel Building for **Over the Edge on Oct. 3**, raised a total of **\$80,645** by that day. After the total quits tallying upward and the event expenses are taken out, the funds will be split among local chapters of three nonprofits: **Big Brothers Big Sisters, Habitat for Humanity, and Special Olympics**. Habitat paid the \$75 entry fee for Communications & Administrative Manager **Kathy Kuhl** to participate. "It was an honor and a thrill," she said.

Thank you to all volunteers, participants and donors. We especially thank **event coordinator Lindsey Phillips!**



photo by Katie Kooi

*Kathy Kuhl
rappelled as
Wonder Woman.*

Meet our new committee members!

Amanda Burks



Amanda Burks is a recent addition to two of our committees: the Marketing & Volunteer Committee and the Family Relations & Selection Committee.

Originally from Cedar Rapids, Amanda has called Muscatine home since 2024. She earned her bachelor's in business administration from Mt. Mercy College and has been in the health/life insurance industry for 10-plus years.

She recently became a Realtor and joined the team at Real Estate Resource Associates.

Amanda volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and Last Hope animal rescue in Cedar Rapids, and she looks forward to getting the opportunity to serve in the Muscatine community.

Hilary Holmes



Hilary Holmes recently joined Muscatine Area Habitat's Marketing & Volunteer Committee.

Hilary is a lifelong resident of the Muscatine area. She earned her bachelor's degree in Education from Buena Vista University. She is a real estate agent at Real Estate Resource Associates in Muscatine, with more than 8 years of experience.

In her free time, Hilary enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and traveling.

House progress continued from front

She explained how Habitat works for her. "I myself would not be able to get a house loan on my single income. Habitat opens a door for working people like me to own a home by offering affordable payments. I'm super grateful to Habitat for this experience."

Looking to the future, Nicole added, "Everleigh and I can't wait to get out of apartment life and have our own quiet space!"

This Habitat for Humanity fundraiser will showcase some local churches decorated for the Holidays! It happens during a special weekend, following the Jingle Mingle and Illuminate. Watch our website and social media for ticket information and other details to come.

