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

September 2025

Fulton family partners with us for 2025 build

Muscatine County Area Habitat for Humanity is pleased to announce that our partner family for 2025 has a connection to the place where their new home will be completed by December.

Nicole Fulton and her 5-year-old daughter will be the family to move in at 1246 E. 5th Street after construction is complete. The partnership is what Don Lampe, executive director of our local habitat, described as a “God-wink moment.”

It turns out that Nicole spent a lot of her childhood right next door - at the house of her grandfather, who passed away in 2004.

At the Aug. 6 groundbreaking celebration with about 30 people present, Nicole said, “Maybe this (location) is good luck ... I was hoping that was a good sign. I am grateful to Habitat for Humanity for choosing (us).”

Nicole, who works locally as a medical technician, said she had “no clue what Habitat for Humanity was” until she talked to Habitat board member Dawn Sturms Dodds for a home loan. “In a single-income household,

I didn’t think home ownership was possible. This is a dream come true.”



Above: Don Lampe poses with Nicole Fulton and her daughter at the groundbreaking celebration.



At left: While the Aug. 6 groundbreaking celebration included speeches about what it takes to make a Habitat house possible, everyone had a chance to mix and mingle, too.

Meet our new board members!

Jared Anderson



After serving several months on our finance committee, Jared Anderson joined our board of directors in June. His desire to give back to the community and help families establish their roles within it

brought him to serve with Muscatine Habitat.

With a University of Iowa bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering, he has been a member of HNI Corporation since 2015, currently serving in the role of Director, Product Development. He lives in Muscatine with his wife and four children. He spends most of his free time supporting their children in their academic and athletic activities.

Dale Schlutz



Dale T. Schlutz joined our finance committee before also becoming a member of the board of directors in May. Dale is a Trust Officer and Farm Management Specialist for CBI Bank & Trust.

After graduating from University of South Dakota School of Law in 2023, he started as an attorney at Eichelberger Law Office, working in probate and estate planning. Dale is currently responsible for trust and investment services in Muscatine, also managing farmland for CBI Bank & Trust and F&M Bank. He speaks at estate planning conferences in Iowa and Illinois on behalf of CBI Trust & Investments.

Mike Batenhorst retired from the Muscatine County Area Habitat for Humanity Board and its finance committee in June after serving the organization for 12 years! *Thank you for your service, Mike!*

Over the Edge to raise Habitat funds



is going ...

Raise funds for local affordable housing by donating to send our team member 'Over the Edge'!

For details or to give, scan the QR code!



October 2 and 3

Join the "FUNdraising" on Thursday, Oct. 2 and Friday, Oct. 3 as the Laurel Building becomes a rappelling site amidst music, food, drinks and other fun at Iowa Avenue and 2nd Street!

This will be Muscatine's fifth time participating in Over the Edge, and the non-profits benefiting from the fundraiser are the local chapters of Big Brothers Big Sisters, Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity. For more information or to support an "Edger," please use the QR code at right. We hope to see you there!