

Devoted Habitat Supporter Retires

By Carine Ullom

Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County has been blessed to have the dedication of Mr. Dale Fox in its corner over the past five years. Dale served a two-year stint on the Board of Directors while also chairing the Fundraising Committee. Subsequent to that he led the Fundraising Committee for three more years. He was the lead on four golf tournaments, a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, a Pie Sale, two visits by the Harlem Ambassadors, our annual appeal letter to our supporters, and was the mastermind behind our newest fundraiser, Ottawa's Got Talent! During these five years over \$75,000 was raised for our affiliate under Dale's leadership! Dale has decided to "retire" from his role as chief fundraiser for Habitat in Franklin County. His efforts were recognized at the Habitat Golf Classic on July 9th with a commemorative "Hammering out your faith" plaque and a thank you from the Board of Directors. Thank YOU,



Above: Board Treasurer and Golf Classic Committee member, Richard Nienstedt recognizes Dale Fox for his dedication to Habitat.

Dale, for your devotion of 'time, talent, and tithe' on behalf of Habitat. Thanks too, to Deanna Fox, for supporting Dale (and Habitat) behind the scenes while he spent many hours working on fundraising activities.

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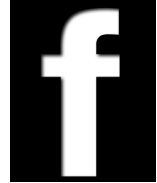
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New Partner Family

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John and Alice Jones and their three children, Zachary, Zander, and Zoe, were surprised on with balloons and hugs on May 19 when members of the Family Selection committee shared the news that they had been selected to become the newest Habitat Partner Family. The Jones live in a cramped apartment with mold on several walls and the children have never had a yard of their own. They will soon become the owners of the home at 610 S. Walnut, but first the home must undergo extensive renovation.



Partner families are selected on the basis of three main criteria: need, ability to pay, and willingness to partner. The Jones have already demonstrated their willingness to partner by continuing completing their 200 hours of their "sweat equity" but continue to work on the home. They have been cleaning walls, floors, and

windows, mowing the lawn, completing light electrical work, mudding/patching, painting, hanging shutters, cleaning gutters, and other minor repairs in coordination with the Construction Committee. Even the children have been helping by picking up fallen branches, and cleaning window wells.

"We're thrilled with the Jones family as our new partner family," said Carine Ullom, Chair of the Board. "They have a wonderful attitude and are willing to roll up their sleeves and do whatever needs to be done. They're a joy to work with. We're all looking forward to the day that they become homeowners." Stay tuned for an announcement about a dedication ceremony during which we will officially welcome the Jones to their new home.

Work Day at 610 S. Walnut

July 16th was a productive day at the 610 S. Walnut home. Fifteen volunteers knocked off several items on the "to do list," including hanging shutters, digging a trench for pave stones, pulling up linoleum, fixing minor plumbing issues, and painting trim and doors. Representative TerriLois Gregory also volunteered her time to partake in the work day. If you would like to assist with a future events please check our website habitatfranklincounty.org for upcoming dates and times.



Board Vice Chair, Amy McFadden confers with Alice Jones about projects at our Work Day at 610 S. Walnut on June 16th.

HfH Receives Wal-Mart Facilities Grant

By Cindy Dengel

"What goes around, comes around."

In the early 1990's a gentleman needed assistance for a remodeling project and HFH of Franklin County stepped up to help. Who knew that this assistance would pay forward to place HFH of Franklin County as a candidate for a \$1,000 Wal Mart Facilities grant.

Darrell Waldron, assistant manager of the Wal Mart store in Ottawa is the son of the gentleman that HFH helped and our affiliate was one of first organizations he thought of when deciding who would benefit the most from the grant funds.

On July 17, 2011, the Wal Mart facility in Ottawa celebrated the grand opening of their newly remodeled store and presented attending members of Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County with a check for \$1,000 to pay it forward and help others in need of quality housing.

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Annual Golf Classic Event is Successful

On July 9th, around 120 golfers joined Habitat at GreatLife Golf & Fitness in Ottawa for Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County's annual Golf Classic fundraiser. Thanks to our participants, sponsors, and volunteers, over \$15,000 was raised to go towards future Habitat builds and renovations!



Our sponsors included: Advantage Ford, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Wal-Mart Supercenter, BG Consultants, Inc., Sega, Inc., Green Finch & Covington, Chartered, Loyd Builders, Inc., Wellsville Bank, Ottawa Living Trust Center, Kansas State Bank, John and Deborah Werthman, Dr. Steven Thompson, Professional Engineering Consultants, BCI Mechanical, Peoples Bank, Bill and Stephanie Allegre, Devore & Associates Architects, Wilson & Company, AMEC Earth & Environment, Inc., Ottawa Family Physicians, APAC, AT&T, Edward Jones (Ryan Henningsen), Country Mart, Dengel & Son, William H. Burks, Jarred and Jaci Sterling, Karr's Karts, Hasty Awards, Ramsey Printing, Midwest Cabinets, Barlett & West, Great Southern Bank, Sutton's Jewelry, Tomas McGee, Inc., Arvest Bank, Allegiance Communications, Keim Bakery, Subway, Kansas City Royals, Kansas City Chiefs, Porter, Spears & Bundy, Ottawa Fire Department, Ottawa University, Ottawa Paint Frames and Décor, Salon Brea, Blue Sky Liquor, Shelly Pearson, Cottonwood Animal Hospital, Kansas Corn Growers Association, Ottawa University, Trendel Lumber Company, Larkin Group, Inc., The Pink Suitcase, State Farm Insurance (Keith King), and Biene's Body Shop.

A huge thanks goes to the Habitat Golf Committee for making this event a success: Wade Hepner and Mike Skidmore (Co-Chairs), Emilie Nichols, John Powell, Sarah Porter, Dale Fox, Mike Schneider, Kim Sipple and Richard Nienstedt.



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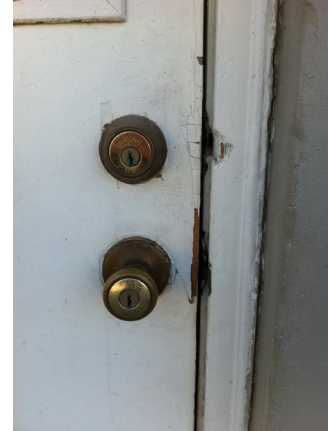


Habitat attends non-profit training

By Carine Ullom

Six board and committee members from Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County, Cindy Dengel, Mark Eldridge, Kim Finney, Megan Hooper Pearson, Lisa Rivers, and Carine Ullom, took advantage of a free, all-day workshop presented by the Kansas Volunteer Commission on June 30 in Lawrence. Participants learned about the importance of communicating the "benefits of volunteering" message, how to leverage social media for our organizations, and why it's important to thank and recognize volunteers from differing generations in different ways. The Kansas Volunteer Commission will offer another workshop in September and we plan to participate in that event as well.

Nazarene Church Receives New Door As Gift



The original door is pictured on the left and Habitat replaced it with the one shown on the right.

By Jim Brown

On June 11th the Construction/Site Committee helped our organization say "thank you" to the Nazarene Church for their generosity in allowing us extensive use of their meeting spaces for our board and committee meetings. We had the opportunity of furnishing and installing a new exterior door and frame for their southeast entrance.

In looking at the old door from the inside – out, it was apparent the existing door

had served its purpose. The folks working in the Habitat office had to deal with snow drifts inside the church due to the poor fit of the door in the frame. The new door unit should make a huge difference on their utility bill.

It was a very enjoyable Saturday morning for a good cause. Pastor Bruce was very appreciative of our efforts and thought everyone concerned would certainly enjoy the new door. A Big 'Thank You' to those who participated.

"Now is the time for each of us to give our neighbors a hand up in home ownership." --Carolyn Ward

Habitat Becomes United Way Agency

By Carolyn Ward

More than a year ago, the Resource Development Committee of Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County began the process of applying for funding from the local United Way. In the summer of 2010, we were notified that for the first time in over a decade, the field would be opened to accept new United Way agencies. To continue in the long and detailed process of being considered for United Way funding, our organization was invited to submit an official proposal in February 2011. In late April we learned that we had been accepted as a new United Way agency! The next step was to submit a full project proposal and rationale, which was submitted on June 10th. In July, representatives of our board presented this information to the United Way Board of Directors for consideration. Funding United Way has the potential to move this agency forward in a new and exciting way. This could prove to be a relatively consistent funding source and add another level of credibility helping to leverage additional funding sources from the community and the region.



This opportunity for United Way funding was a perfect fit to help launch a new program in our area called A Brush With Kindness. This program focuses on rehabilitating existing homes and neighborhoods - from exterior painting, modest landscaping and general outside maintenance. A Brush with Kindness has the potential to impact larger numbers of families in

our community, stir economic growth and build property values.

As we are notified of the status of the United Way proposal, we will be sure to keep our faithful supporters, volunteers, partner families and the broader community informed. But, please be assured, now is the time for each of us to give our neighbors a hand up in home ownership. We estimate that our ABWK projects will have a cost of no more than \$3,000. Just imagine the impact will have in our community - 15 homes can benefit from A Brush with Kindness for the same investment as one home build.

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HfH of Franklin County welcomes Jeanne Garcia as an office volunteer. Outreach Chair, DeEtta Bohling recently had the opportunity to get to know Jeanne better.

DB: Tell me a little about yourself and your family.

JG: My husband Jimmy and I have lived in Ottawa our whole lives, were high school sweethearts, and have been blessed with four beautiful children--three sons and one daughter. We have one granddaughter. My top priority is to have a personal relationship with Jesus and seek His guidance in everything I do. I work for USD 290 full-time as a Title I Aide.

DB: What would you say to encourage other folks in the area to get involved with Habitat either as a volunteer or donor?

JG: A few years ago I finished my degree in Human Services/Management. I felt being involved within the community would help me to experience what I have been studying, being involved with individuals and having a part in meeting the needs that our community has. The people that volunteer and become a donor are people who truly care about others and display the qualities each person has by getting involved.

We are truly thrilled to have Jeanne working in the office and keeping on top of our paperwork and bills. Thank you for your service!

WANTED: Scrapbooker

Do you love to scrapbook? HfH is seeking a creative individual to show off their talents in the form of scrapbooking. Contact us at 785-242-2600 or hfhofc@sbcglobal.net if you are interested!

Looking for a speaker for your next event?

May we speak at your organization or church? Will you help us secure an opportunity to share the Habitat story with your Sunday School or club? Please contact DeEtta Bohling at deetta.bohling@gmail.com or 515-250-8392 to learn more about how someone from Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County can be a featured presenter at your next meeting.

Interested in volunteering?

If you would like to put your skills and talents to work with Habitat (and you don't need to know how to hammer, paint or saw!), please contact us at 782-242-2600.

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