

Meet the 2020 Partner Families



Cinthia Arredondo

My name is Cinthia Arredondo. I've been living in Kearney for about 15 years. I have three kids, two boys and a girl, that keep me very busy. We enjoy taking long walks on the trails, riding bikes, going to the pool and making ice cream runs.

I learned of Habitat for Humanity through a close friend who bought her home a few years ago. Also from friends who have volunteered and invited me to help. I'm glad I have already gotten the chance to meet so many people who take the time to help build these homes.

I am very excited for this build season, and I look forward to meeting more people and learning the whole process of building a home from the start. As volunteers you might not see the progress that particular day, but all the things as little as they may seem contribute to the end result.

Mary Silvester

My name is Mary Silvester. I've worked as a secretary at the League of Human Dignity for almost ten years. I have one son named Joseph. He will be starting kindergarten this year. We are active in our church. I sing on the worship team and run the coffee corner. Joseph loves to play outside and is very excited to have a backyard to play in.

I'm excited to get back to working with the build team. I learn so much from them and enjoy getting to know them!



Crystal Abraham

My name is Crystal Abraham. I have 5 children: Triston 17, Savannah 10, Cannon 4, Thunder 2, and Jacqueline 2. I've been a CNA for 21 years and currently work at Platte Valley Medical Group. I don't really have any hobbies. My kids and their activities are my interests.

I heard about Habitat through a friend/coworker. She has a Habitat home. She told me I should fill out an application, and now here I am! I'm most excited about working and building a home that my family can say is ours!



From Behind the Hammer

— Jerry Marlatt, Building Superintendent

The Best Laid Plans. . . .

We thought last year with all the rain and floods was a challenging year for building but we managed to get all three houses completed and dedicated even though it lasted until January of this year. We thought this year looked better because we were able to get in a footing and foundation and floor poured on the first house for 2020. Then all of a sudden we had coronavirus (COVID- 19) show up. Now it's anyone's guess what will happen to our 2020 build season. For now everything is at a stand still.

A few members of the building committee have been able to try social distancing at the warehouse and have gotten all the plates marked out for all three houses for this year and ready to be put together for walls. We had planned to start March 28. Now no one knows if or when we will be able to work. We know we have to do the best for everyone's health.

If we use common sense and trust in God to lead us, we will come through this. We will keep you informed of our plans for the future. If and when we can get started building it will be ALL HANDS ON DECK to make up for lost time. **God bless you all and keep you well.** —Jerry

There is ALWAYS Something to be Thankful For . . .



From Behind the Gavel

— Marshall Everitt, President

I would like to start off this message with a couple of positive things going on in our affiliate at the moment. The first item to share is that KAHfH will be hosting the Nebraska Affiliate Meeting this summer. I'm excited to get to know our neighboring affiliates a little better. All affiliates share many challenges, and we will mutually benefit by sharing knowledge and experience.

Another positive change is our new mortgage servicing policy and process that we've begun implementing. Our finance committee now includes more volunteers to increase sustainability as an organization to better serve our partner families. A special "Thank You!" to Deb Hansen for her tremendous dedication during this transition. Because of her hard work along with other key volunteers, we were able to get ahead of the COVID-19 pandemic by having a plan for the suspension of mortgages in light of the staggering loss of employment that our nation is facing. Thanks to our outstanding fundraising team, the temporary loss in mortgage income will not hinder our ability to complete our mission of building for and with God's people in need.

Our affiliate has many good things going for it, but there is a lot of uncertainty. Not being able to get together for fellowship through service is disheartening. We are a giving group of people, and when we see so much worry and hardship it makes us want help even more. But right now we can't help in the way we've always done and that can be frustrating. The simple fact is that we need to do our part to keep ourselves and our community healthy right now, and the main way to do that is social distancing. During this time of isolation, I encourage you to reflect on your blessings and give thanks. There is always something to be thankful for, and a grateful heart is a vital step toward contentment, especially in a time of unease. Thankfulness also brings us closer to God and deepens our trust in him. Remember that God provides for the faithful. There was more than enough when Christ fed the 5,000.

"They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over." — Luke 9:17

We cannot lose faith. Count your blessings and be purposeful in your thanksgiving this Easter season, and when this passes, your heart will be prepared to share those blessings that will be so greatly needed. This build season is not lost. We have three families ready to build with us. So please monitor our Facebook page and website to know when building will begin. I'm looking forward to us passing along our blessings to one another and building our community together! —Marshall



This artwork was presented to Habitat from the three partner families as a token of their appreciation. It includes handprints of every family member.

Kearney Area
Habitat for Humanity
Building futures by partnering with local people in need.

Home Dedication Celebration

1310 East 17th Street



Brandon & Jennifer Pierce
Allie, Javier, Morgan, Lucas

December 19, 2019

6:30 pm

Cans for Habitat

You can put them (secured in bags please) in the cage box on the north side of the Habitat building at 1815 1st Avenue.

You can take them and other aluminum items to **Anderson Wrecking** on Ave M and ask them to put your donation on the KAHfH account.

OR, if you have a place with a lot of cans, our "can man" Charlie will come and pick them up. Just call 234-6030 and leave a message for him. Charlie's pickup is ON HOLD until further notice.



Many cans or just a few . . . every little bit helps the "can" cause.

THANK YOU

2019 Homeowners



Home Dedication Celebration

1403 East 17th Street



Daniel Medina & Ingrith Tejeiro
Daniela

January 09, 2020

6:30 pm



Home Dedication Celebration

1309 East 17th Street



Amie Maxwell
Weston & Braiden

January 12, 2020

3:00 pm

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