

## A Heartland Habitat **Faith Relations Update**

Helping our neighbors is much more than a simple human endeavor. It's a response to a divine call from God, and when we answer with prayer and action, the fruits of our labor multiply. At Heartland Habitat for Humanity, the Faith Relations Committee emphasizes our call to service, opening doors for us to walk through together as a Christian community.

On Sunday, September 19, Heartland Habitat for Humanity will join with all Habitat for Humanity affiliates nationally and internationally to recognize the International Day of Prayer and Action for Human Habitat. In honor of this day, we are asking pastors to contact us with a Prayer Pledge. We want all of the work done here to begin and end in prayerful consideration. Some suggestions for a Prayer Pledge would be to:

- Shape the worship service on September 19 around the need for decent, affordable housing. Offer prayers for those in need of decent shelter and for the organizations that strive to eliminate homelessness and substandard housing.
- Distribute the Habitat for Humanity International [bulletin inserts](#) designed especially for this day.
- Adopt simple, decent, affordable housing as an ongoing ministry emphasis.

Please call (913) 342-3047 or (816) 468-7190, or e-mail [kate@heartlandhabitat.org](mailto:kate@heartlandhabitat.org) with your Prayer Pledge!

Grace and Peace,  
*Julie Johnson*  
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Faith Relations Committee Chairperson

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### Heartland Habitat **WISHLIST**

New Members for the Faith Relations Committee

Office Volunteers to Assist with Data Entry

On-Call Volunteers to Lead Prayers at Ground Blessings and House Dedications

### Homes Sponsored by Faith Communities Near Completion

Construction on two homes in Wyandotte County began in May 2010 thanks to the support of two long time faith partners, Village Presbyterian Church and the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection. The third home in North Kansas City was the result of a partnership between the North Kansas City School District, Citi and Gashland Presbyterian Church. The house blessings for these homes - and their new owners - were held in August. Thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers who made it happen, and congratulations to the Mack family, the Pruden family and the Tufuga family as they embark on their lives.

### Volunteers from Congregations Embody Faith in Action

Heartland Habitat would like to extend sincere thanks to members of the following congregations for supporting the organization through prayer, volunteers and financial contributions. Heartland Habitat is blessed and grateful for your contributions! To learn more about the variety of ways your congregation can serve Heartland Habitat for Humanity, please visit <http://www.heartlandhabitat.org/faith-relations>.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Olathe, KS  
Antioch Church, Overland Park, KS  
First Central Church of the Brethren, Kansas City, KS



Members of Hope Fellowship Baptist Church in Kansas City, MO created garden stepping stones as gifts for new Heartland Habitat homeowners

First Christian Church of Kearney,  
Kearney, MO  
The Gathering Network  
Grace United Methodist Church, Olathe, KS  
Hope Fellowship Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO  
Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Overland Park, KS  
Living Hope Church of the Nazarene, Olathe, KS (Crazy Love ministry)  
Mid-America Nazarene University, Olathe, KS  
United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, KS  
Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS

## Congregations Invited to Join 2011 Apostles Build in Olathe

Heartland Habitat for Humanity is thrilled to announce plans for a 2011 Apostles Build next year in Olathe! In an Apostles Build, a coalition of 12 faith communities come together to fund and build a home, signifying Jesus' call for His disciples to go out into the community and serve others. To date, seven Johnson County congregations are partnering with Heartland Habitat to become part of this lasting legacy, but more congregations are needed. Could your congregation be the next? Building a home so a family in need can grow in God's love is one of the best ways to demonstrate the power of God's love and, in turn, build His kingdom here on earth. To learn about becoming a covenant partner, contact Kate Fields at (913) 342-3047 or [kate@heartlandhabitat.org](mailto:kate@heartlandhabitat.org).

## Committee Members Needed

Heartland Habitat for Humanity has many dedicated volunteers, and some of them possess skills and interests that lead them to seek volunteer opportunities on one of Heartland Habitat's committees. Heartland Habitat is actively searching for members to join one of its committees: Faith Relations, Family Selection, Fund Development, Fiscal Strategy and Construction Operations.

Members of the Family Selection committee meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Heartland Habitat's administrative office at 1401 Fairfax Trafficway in Kansas City, KS. They assist in selecting home owners and conduct home visits as their schedules permit. If you'd like to join the Family Selection committee, send an e-mail describing any applicable skills and interests to Brenda Mortell, Family Services Coordinator, at [brenda@heartlandhabitat.org](mailto:brenda@heartlandhabitat.org).

Heartland Habitat also needs members for its Faith Relations committee. This committee consists of volunteers who are active in their faith communities and want to help build strong partnerships between area congregations and Heartland Habitat. The committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Heartland Habitat's Administrative Offices, 1401 Fairfax Trafficway, Kansas City, KS. If you'd like to join the Faith Relations committee, contact Kate Fields, Director of Resource Development, at [kate@heartlandhabitat.org](mailto:kate@heartlandhabitat.org).

For those with skills and interests in the areas of Fund Development, Fiscal Strategy and Construction Operations, please submit an e-mail of interest to Tom Lally, Executive Director, at [tom@heartlandhabitat.com](mailto:tom@heartlandhabitat.com).

“ The plans of the mind belong to mortals, but the answer of the tongue is **from the Lord.** All one's ways may be pure in one's own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit. **Commit your work to the Lord,** and your plans will be established. *Proverbs 16:1-3* ”