



Bike & Build Stops in Kansas City to Build with Heartland Habitat

Bike & Build, a group of young adults that bicycles across America in support of affordable housing, stopped in Kansas City on Saturday, June 25 to partner with Heartland Habitat for Humanity and its efforts to provide a safe, decent home for a local family in need. The volunteers served on-site at 805 Troup in Kansas City, Kansas, the future home of Serina Ramos and her family.

Volunteers with Bike & Build provide grants and volunteer labor for housing construction projects across the country. Bike & Build participants bike from east to west coast during the summer, averaging approximately 70 miles per day. They stop along their cross-country route to partner and volunteer with housing organizations like Heartland Habitat for Humanity. Approximately 33 cyclists volunteered with Heartland Habitat last Saturday.

Heartland Habitat for Humanity is committed to providing safe, decent, affordable housing for local families in need. Over 225 houses have been built or rehabbed by Heartland Habitat in Wyandotte, Johnson and Leavenworth Counties in Kansas and Clay and Platte Counties in Missouri within the last 20 years. The partnership between Bike & Build's mission and Heartland Habitat's work in the Kansas City area was a natural fit.

"We were incredibly honored and excited to be a part of Bike & Build's route this summer," said Tom Lally, Executive Director of Heartland Habitat. "The commitment of these young people to impact housing and poverty issues - both locally and nationally - is inspiring."

Deconstruction Opportunity: A Few Good Volunteers Needed!

Heartland Habitat is partnering with Covenant Retirement Communities to recycle two homes in Lenexa the week of July 12. Large numbers of volunteers are needed all week to help deconstruct the homes at 85th & Pflumm, making way for a new senior living facility. This is a great volunteer opportunity for either individuals or groups. Approximately 20 volunteers are needed each day from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. from Tuesday July 12 through Saturday, July 16.

For more information about volunteering, please contact Vanessa Little at vanessa@heartlandhabitat.org.

Habitat for Humanity International's Cars for Homes Program Reaches \$10 Million Milestone Nationwide



Habitat for Humanity's Cars for Homes program has distributed more than \$10 million to Habitat affiliates nationwide, including over \$40,000 to Heartland Habitat for Humanity for housing projects locally.



Cars for Homes is Habitat for Humanity's national vehicle donation program that provides donors a quick and easy process for donating cars, trucks, boats, RVs and other vehicles to help build homes in partnership with local low-income families in need of decent, affordable shelter. By donating a car to Heartland Habitat for Humanity, you can turn your old car into a new or rehabbed home! It is quick and easy to recycle your used cars, trucks, boats, RVs, motorcycles, construction equipment or other vehicles—running or not! Plus, you may be eligible for a tax deduction if you itemize. (Consult the IRS or your tax advisor for details.)

To donate a car, truck, boat or RV to Habitat for Humanity's Cars for Homes program, call the program's national hotline at (877) 277-4344 toll-free or [click here](#) to donate your vehicle online. **All cars donated locally will be used to benefit Heartland Habitat's service area.** Or, bring your car to Heartland Habitat ReStore in Johnson County, located at 9850 W. 87th Street in Overland Park.

Habitat for Humanity Turns Houses into Homes

The work of Habitat for Humanity is inspiring. Just ask singer Anna Wilson who released her song, "A House, A Home," inspired by her experiences with a Habitat for Humanity blitz build in Tennessee.

"I thought the concept of building 10 houses in five days was completely impossible," said Wilson, "but it's just remarkable what [Habitat] is doing."

Wilson participated in the Whirlpool Building Blocks blitz build project in Nashville in 2007. Her song is now available on [iTunes](#).

[View](#) Habitat for Humanity's "A House, A Home" video for an inspiring look at a Habitat Blitz Build in action.



Upcoming Heartland Habitat ReStore Volunteer Orientations

Interested in volunteering at Heartland Habitat ReStore? Plan to attend one of our upcoming volunteer orientations:

- **July 6, 5:00-6:00 p.m.** at Johnson County ReStore, 9850 W. 87th Street in Overland Park, Kansas
- **July 9, 11:00 a.m.-noon** at Johnson County ReStore

In addition, volunteer opportunities are now available at Heartland Habitat ReStore on Mondays. For more information, contact Vanessa Little at vanessa@heartlandhabitat.org

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