

THE FRAME

Strong homes, families, and communities
Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa

What Happens After The Ribbon Is Cut?

Dear Habitat Friends,

It's hard to believe we have already passed the 4th of July mark. For Habitat this means we are busy getting ready to start construction on our build located at 618 10th Street in Ames. We continue to be thankful for the generous donations, community involvement and the great volunteer help.

I absolutely love my job and I look forward to talking with our donors and volunteers. Many ask where their \$\$\$ are going and how our families are doing. When you donate to Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa you are helping change lives and also making dreams come true. Most of our families have always dreamed of becoming a homeowner. Many never thought their dream would become a reality. You help make their dreams come true. Over the years working side by side with future Habitat homeowners and seeing the excitement in their eyes, the sweat on their brows, and the gratitude in their hearts I've learned that I'm the one who is on the receiving end of things more than anyone else.

Currently, our affiliate is rejoicing with two of our homeowner families. This month both families experienced the joy of making the final payment on their mortgages. Here are their stories:

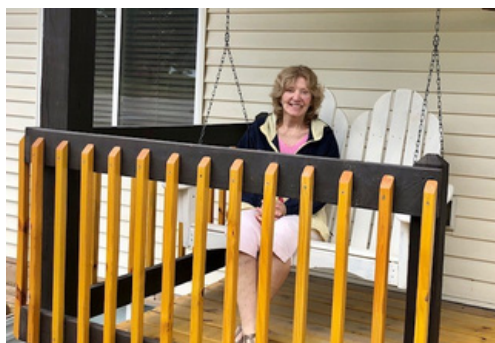
Lisa Elm's home was built in 1997. It was the first home built by our affiliate. With the help of the Story City community, many family members, friends, and Habitat volunteers, Lisa's home became a reality for her and her two young children. Her home provided a safe environment and a happy place for her to raise her two children.

["It was very exciting to fully pay off my home and even a few months sooner than anticipated! Because of our experiences, my daughter was inspired to earn a Bachelor of Architecture degree and is currently employed by an architectural firm that specializes in the design of ministries. My son earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts and then his Master of Arts and is employed as a Software Engineer. They were first in our family to earn college degrees! I have continued my employment with Iowa State University for nearly 30 years. This home has been a blessing to me and my family and I believe provided the stability and security that a single mother raising two young children needed nearly 25 years ago! We have made many wonderful memories with family and friends in our home! Thank you, Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa, and to everyone that supports this organization!"](#) Lisa Elm-Story City

Our second family-Aloma Foley, lives here in Ames. Her home was built in 2008. Aloma has worked hard to get her mortgage paid off. It was not only important to her to get it paid off but she strived to get it paid off ahead of schedule. For the past 13 years her main focus has been to save, put money away and pay extra on her mortgage. Growing up she moved quite often and it was important to her to provide a safe and comforting environment for her children. She has worked overtime and long hours at her job at Mary Greeley to accomplish her dream. Now she can relax a bit. The need for affordable housing is immense, and the lasting impact homeownership can have on families and individuals is undeniable. Habitat for Humanity homes are not free gifts – each family who partners with Habitat is making a personal and financial investment in their future. For both of these families, your generous donations and gifts have helped to provide a safe and affordable place to live.

Community. Commitment. A Brighter Future. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sandi Risdal
Executive Director



Store Update: Dan Thomsen

The Habitat store has survived Covid 19, and continues to be Ames' and the surrounding area's best source for quality used merchandise at extremely affordable prices. From furniture to appliances and building materials to hardware, we carry a little bit of everything. People who come in the store regularly always comment on how they can usually find what they were after plus a bunch more stuff they didn't expect to find. While we aren't as big as some Habitat stores in other communities we continue to be 100% donation-based in our ongoing effort to live up to the Habitat mantra of "reduce, reuse and recycle."

As the number of volunteers at the store has increased we are on the verge of adding back some of the hours we cut during Covid. Beginning August 5th, we will return to being open until 6 p.m. for customers who can't make it in by 4:00. Eventually, we hope to expand our hours further as we are always looking to best serve our customers and our volunteers.

We are also in the process of converting some unused office space into retail space which will add approximately 325 square feet to the store. Donations are coming in at a tremendous pace, and while sales are also really good, we just need more space.

Thanks for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you soon at the store!

NEW STORE HOURS

Starting the week of August 2nd, 2021

Tue-10-4

Wed-10-4

Thur-10-6

Fri-10-4

Sat-10-4



Save the Date!

SILENT AUCTION

November 30th - December 4th

Online and In-person!



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100% of the funds raised from the auction go the building costs of our two new home builds.

Thank You GICU

We would like to thank Greater Iowa Credit Union and the Corporate Giving Committee for their \$1,500 donation to our new building projects. GICU is committed to being a part of the community, giving back, and making a difference. These funds will help purchase the windows in our 10th street home build.



Welcome Marsha Taylor our new Part-Time Office Coordinator



Welcome Chuck Abbott our new Construction Manager