

Kids, Win a Bike

Habitat invites partner family children/grandchildren, under the age of 12, to enter the "Design Habitat's Thank you postcard" contest. Draw and/or color an original piece of artwork portraying your vision of Habitat for Humanity! The top 5 designs will be displayed in the Kandiyohi and Renville County Fairs, where the public will vote. **The winner will receive a brand new bike!** Deadline to enter is July 31, 2011.

Please mail original works of art to PO Box 1171, Willmar, MN 56201 with entry slip below.



Name: _____
 Age: _____
 Address: _____

 Drawing Title: _____

Parade sign up



- June 19 - 1pm, Montevideo
- June 25 - 10:30am, Willmar
- July 4 - 10am, Spicer
- July 23 - 11am, New London
- July 24 - 1:30, Franklin
- July 30 - 3:00, Olivia

It was so much fun, we decided to do it again!

We are now asking for partner family volunteers to ride, walk, or rollerblade with the Habitat for Humanity float this summer! We will be making an appearance in **SIX** parades this summer. We need kids to throw candy and adults to hand out fliers! Let me know which parade(s) your family would like to be in.

Call Charline at 320.231.2704 or
 email charline@habitatwcm.org



Focus On Family

Pay it Forward, by Jessica Cain

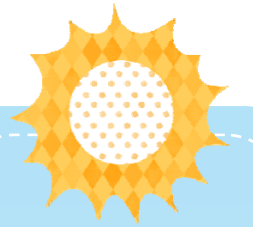
There is a tremendous amount of giving that enables the planning, organizing, and building of homes by Habitat for Humanity. As partner families, we know that there are countless hours spent planning and organizing the process of building and readying a new family for their chance at home ownership. It is the work of many volunteers that has made our dreams of owning a home possible; the hard work they did out of the kindness of their hearts is admirable. Without the work of the many volunteers who give so freely of their time, none of our homes would have been possible.

We have been truly blessed by our partnership with Habitat for Humanity. They have given us hope for a bright future in a home that is our own. My family and I have been a partner with Habitat for Humanity since 2008, and we are so thankful for all of the beautiful changes that our new home has brought to our lives, as well as the kind and caring people that we met along the way.

All of us as partner families have been given so much, and yet in the business of life we may sometimes take it for granted. Or, we may feel helpless because we were once the ones in need. However, it is important to remember that we have received, we do appreciate, and we do want others to have the same opportunities that we have had. Let's make it a goal for ourselves to begin or continue to give back to the organization that has so richly blessed the lives of our families. Let's take some time out of our busy lives to help someone else who is in need. Many people generously helped us, and it is our time to give back. This is my plea to all of you: Lets help to bless others as we have been blessed. Lets reach out and help however and whenever we can....build a home, help with fundraising, befriend a new partner family....there are many ways to help. Lets find the time to do good for others. In turn, we will once again be blessed.

Thank You!
 Jessica Cain

1 John 3:17-18: If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.



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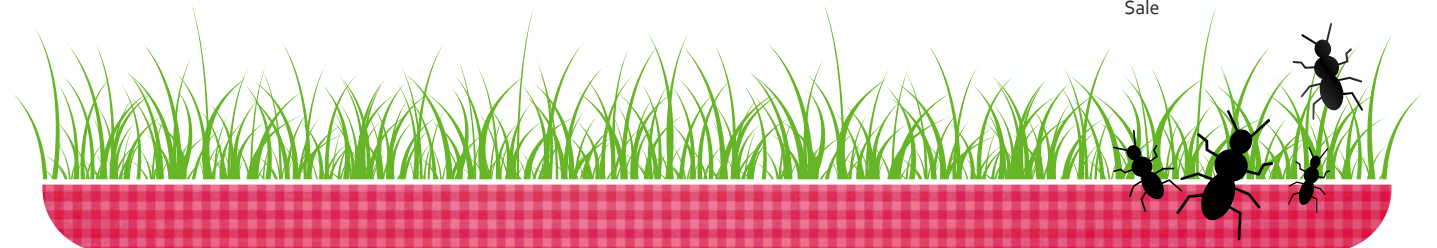
Important Dates

- 07/09 Picnic & Home Depot Giveaway
- 07/11 Begin taking donations for Annual Garage Sale
- 07/31 Kid's Drawing Contest Deadline
- 08/26 and 27 Habitat's Annual Garage Sale

What will you build?



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Green Tips

- Cook in your microwave whenever possible. It uses 2/3 the energy of an electric stove.
- Consider grilling rather than using the stove/oven when it is hot outside.
- Avoid running appliances during peak hours of 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. It can help prevent heat-related outages and save money for utilities.
- Stop idling. Idling for more than 10 seconds wastes more gas than is needed for startup.
- Stop junk mail. You can stop 75% of unsolicited mail by registering on dmachoice.org for \$1.
- Plant a tree, that when grown, will provide shade for your home. Plant on the south west side of your home.
- Pay your Bills Online - If every house in the US did this then we would save 18 million trees every year.
- Borrow from libraries instead of buying personal books and movies. This saves money, not to mention the ink and paper that goes into printing new books.

Be a Good Neighbor

- Be conscientious about noises that might disturb your neighbors, such as vacuum cleaners, music, loud talk and barking dogs.
- Replace anything that belongs to your neighbor that you, your children, or your pets break or soil.
- Return anything that you borrow from your neighbor, such as tools or appliances, as soon as possible. Express your gratitude when you do so.
- Keep your pets on a leash when they are outside and remember to clean up after them, especially if they use your neighbor's yard as a bathroom.
- Most cities have leash laws. If your pet is not leashed, it may be picked up by local law enforcement. You will BE charged fines and boarding fees to get your pet back.
- Clean up the trash in your yard. Trash can include anything from discarded furniture and appliances, to tree limbs and leaves, to car parts and other junk.
- Get to know your neighbors! Invite them over for coffee or lemonade.

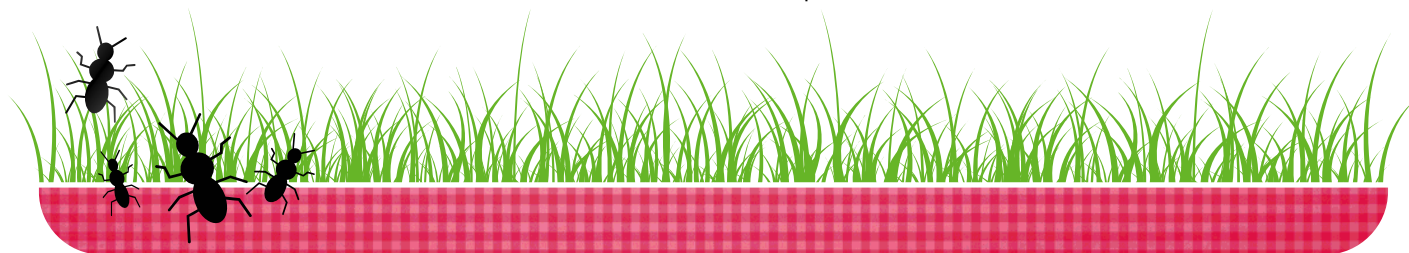
Refer a Friend

Do you have a friend or know a family that dreams of owning their own home?

Refer them to the Habitat for Humanity affiliate office to fill out a pre-application/questionnaire form. The form can be picked up from our new office, located at 619 Benson Avenue SW (on the corner of 7th Street and Hwy. 12) or download it from our website www.habitatwcm.org. We appreciate your partnership with Habitat!

Spring Yard Clean - up

- Invite family and friends over to help. Cleaning up your yard is not always a fun task, since the winter months can take a significant toll. You'll have a lot more fun involving family and friends in your project.
- Reseed any grass, because the winter may have killed off some areas of your yard. Also, any areas damaged by pets may require special treatment.
- Cut grass as needed. If you have had a lot of water mixed with warm temperatures, spring may require that you cut your grass more often. Doing so will not only improve the appearance of your lawn but also help the grass grow.
- Consider planting flowers! They add color and beauty to your yard.
- Treat lawn for weeds and dandelions. A weed and feed application that attaches to the end of a hose is a good choice.
- A mixture of water and Epsom salt can be used as weed killer.



You're invited

BBQ PICNIC & HOME DEPOT GIVEAWAY

JOIN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY STAFF AND OTHER PARTNER FAMILIES FOR A PICNIC FOLLOWED BY A SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA SPONSORED BY HOME DEPOT.

SATURDAY JULY 9TH 2011

11 AM— 3PM

**AT HABITAT'S NEW *HOME*
619 BENSON AVENUE SW
WILLMAR, MN**

PLEASE RSVP THE NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS THAT WILL BE ATTENDING THE PICNIC BY PHONE 320.231.2704 OR EMAIL CHARLINE@HABITATWCM.ORG.

