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Habitat Omaha and Omaha Housing Authority Host July 30 Event Marking Partnership to Expand Affordable Homeownership Opportunities

Omaha, NE (July 24, 2019) – On **Tuesday, July 30**, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha and the Omaha Housing Authority will commemorate their public-private partnership to expand affordable housing and homeownership across several Omaha neighborhoods.

Join us as we gather with new Habitat Omaha homeowners, community partners and elected officials to celebrate this collaboration that will create affordable homeownership opportunities for 100 families in our community over the next three years.

What: Habitat Omaha and Omaha Housing Authority Partnership Celebration

Where: Omaha Housing Authority, 1823 Harney Street, Omaha

When: 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., formal remarks at 10:20 a.m.

Speakers expected to include:

- United States Congressman Don Bacon
- Nebraska Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley
- Gail Graeve, Mutual of Omaha Foundation Executive Director
- Naomi Hattaway, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha Program Director
- Joanie Poore, Omaha Housing Authority Chief Executive Officer
- Ilse Ramirez, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha homeowner

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About Habitat for Humanity of Omaha

Founded in 1984, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha is a grassroots organization that builds and renovates houses, forges community partnerships and breaks down barriers. We develop vacant lots and eliminate abandoned homes in blighted areas of North and South Omaha while improving the overall appearance of our community. Habitat Omaha homebuyers are required to complete up to 350 hours of sweat equity before purchasing their homes through 20-to-30-year affordable mortgages. Since 1984, Habitat Omaha has partnered with more than 1,600 families; this year we will impact the lives of more than 200 families in the Omaha area. In 2019, Habitat Omaha will build or renovate more than 50 homes and complete more than 150 home repair or improvement projects. For more information, visit habitatomaha.org.



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About the Omaha Housing Authority

The Omaha Housing Authority (OHA) is Nebraska's largest landlord and provider of quality affordable housing for low and moderate income families and individuals. OHA's housing includes 2,700 public housing units (located in 11 towers, 2 family developments, and over 600 scattered-site units) and 4,300 Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) units. Over 16,500 individuals at any given time are supported through OHA's affordable housing programs. The Omaha Housing Authority is working with public and private partners throughout the Omaha community to evolve public and voucher housing programs through mixed-income and mixed-use developments that also support community revitalization. A seven-member board of commissioners, appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, governs the Omaha Housing Authority. For more information, visit ohauthority.org.