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Habitat Omaha to Launch Apprenticeship Program at Aug. 28 Signing Ceremony

Omaha, NE (August 20, 2019) – On **Wednesday, Aug. 28**, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha will commemorate its new Apprenticeship Program, offered in collaboration with Metropolitan Community College. The “earn while you learn” program has been recognized as a Registered Apprenticeship with the U.S. Department of Labor.

Join us as we gather with elected officials, community partners and Habitat Omaha’s first apprentice to celebrate the launch of our Apprenticeship Program. Speakers will discuss how the program’s customized on-the-job training, in conjunction with classroom instruction at Metropolitan Community College, supports Omaha residents to develop the skills they need to achieve career advancement goals.

What: Habitat for Humanity of Omaha Registered Apprenticeship Program Signing Ceremony

Where: Omaha Habitat ReStore, 10910 Emmet Street, Omaha

When: Wednesday, Aug. 28, 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.; formal remarks begin at 8:50 a.m.

Speakers expected to include:

- Governor Pete Ricketts
- John Albin, Nebraska Commissioner of Labor
- Scott Asmus, Nebraska Department of Labor Project Manager Registered Apprenticeship
- Elli Aesoph, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha Chief Retail Officer
- Amanda Brewer, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha Chief Executive Officer
- Anna Keeney, Habitat ReStore Sales Associate and Apprenticeship Program participant
- Randy Schmailzl, Metropolitan Community College President

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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 Metropolitan Community College

Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable, quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 unique credit and noncredit students.