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Habitat for Humanity of Omaha Opens New, Additional Location While Expanding Services to Omaha and the Five-County Area

New Location in Millwork Commons to Bridge Connections Between People and Spaces

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OMAHA, Nebraska – Habitat for Humanity of Omaha announced today that it is adding office space at a second location to accommodate increasing service requests and the growing demand for affordable housing in Omaha and its five-county service area.

Habitat Omaha will lease space at the Ashton building at Millwork Commons, north of 13th and Cuming streets. It will continue to utilize its existing building on 24th and Clark streets with its warehouse and meeting facilities.

"We know that Habitat Omaha is more than a building," said Amanda Brewer, CEO of Habitat Omaha. "Millwork Commons creates more opportunity -- to serve clients and better unite our team's efforts to remove barriers to affordable housing and bridge positive connections with the people we serve."

Habitat Omaha will occupy a portion of a tech company's former office in the building. The 23,340-square-foot space will be home to more than 90 staff and volunteers. It expects to relocate most of its corporate team to the new location in November.

Habitat Omaha looked at several options to meet its workspace needs. "We looked at renovating the present building, constructing a new building and other leasing options," Brewer said. "In Millwork Commons, we found a great solution. The open, team-oriented space allows us to be good stewards of our donor funds while providing an inclusive, team-oriented space for our clients and employees."

"Habitat Omaha is innovative and has a get-it-done spirit that fits this space and our community of Millwork Commons," said Paul Smith of Black Dog Management, which leads the development. "Habitat is a leader in the effort to strengthen Omaha's urban core and build a culturally vibrant and inclusive community. We are proud to have Habitat in Millwork Commons."

This will be Habitat Omaha's fifth location. Habitat Omaha resided in a church basement when it opened in 1984. Other office spaces include a house, a former fire station and its present location. In addition to its warehouse and construction operations at the current location, Habitat Omaha will open up office bays to become a "Housing Hub" with businesses that could include a real estate agent, mortgage lender or an attorney specializing in title clearing.

About Habitat for Humanity of Omaha

Founded in 1984, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha builds and renovates homes, repairs existing houses, takes down blighted structures and advocates for better laws and systems. Habitat also works with individuals and families to acquire the access, skills and financial education to become successful homeowners. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, visit <u>habitatomaha.org</u>.