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Six New Bluestem Prairie Homeowners Welcomed Laying the Foundation for the 85-Home Bluestem Community

New Homes and Homeowners Launch Habitat for Humanity of Omaha Bluestem Development

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OMAHA, Nebraska – City officials, dignitaries, construction crews, volunteers, community members and Habitat for Humanity of Omaha staff welcomed six new homeowners to their brand-new homes, launching Habitat Omaha’s 85-home Bluestem Prairie development.

The six homeowners are moving into the homes on Vernon Circle just east of the former vacant Wintergreen Apartment complex property. They represent multiple races, creeds and colors, newly starting families and multi-generational and extended families.

“Creating homeownership and affordable housing creates opportunity for families and economic development for communities,” said Habitat Omaha CEO Amanda Brewer. “But the stars today truly are the new homeowners. These six families sacrificed and stayed the course. This is the magic of homeownership. They are successfully setting up their families and this community for generations.”

“This (home) is a fresh, clean start for me and my family,” said Gjornae Wells, one of the new homeowners. “I am happy about the generational wealth I’m building for my family. To make something mine and to be able to pass it down to my future children and nephews.”

Editor’s Note: Photos from the event will be available upon request.

Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert helped celebrate the new beginnings at Bluestem. “The City of Omaha and Habitat for Humanity are good partners,” she said. “We work together to make a difference for the families in our community, and today, we celebrate opportunities, new beginnings and important change for the first homeowners at Bluestem Prairie.”

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 habitatomaha.org.