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Habitat Omaha and Three Rivers Housing Announce Partnership To Expand Home Repair Services in Washington and Burt Counties

Applications for 2024 projects are now being accepted

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BLAIR, Nebraska – Habitat for Humanity of Omaha and Three Rivers Housing announced a partnership, effective today, to expand home repair and rehabilitation services in Washington and Burt counties.

The partnership’s initial goal is to rehabilitate an additional 20 homes over the next four years, primarily through upgrades to heating, air conditioning and water heaters. The number of homes repaired and additional home repair services could be added if additional funding becomes available. The work is part of the affordable housing effort outlined in Washington and Burt counties’ affordable housing studies that developed five-year plans for the area.

“The 2021 study identified significant affordable housing needs in the area, including rehabilitating homes, new affordable housing construction and workforce housing,” said Ken Mar, Habitat Omaha’s area county director.

“This partnership is a great way to have boots on the ground and begin making substantive change to address this vital economic need.”

“Our current housing needs are significant for both Washington and Burt Counties, said Three Rivers Housing Executive Director Kelly Adamson. “The partnership with Habitat Omaha provides one more avenue to make a significant impact on this existing and growing need.”

In addition to expanding home repair efforts in the area, Habitat Omaha has been conducting or planning “Rock the Block” neighborhood revitalization efforts in Washington and Burt counties. The nonprofit also plans to build 10 new affordable homes in the West Valley subdivision near Nebraska St. and North 24th Street. A portion of this new construction funding comes from the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund (NAHTF).

Members of the public interested in learning about qualifications and applications for home repair services can visit Habitat Omaha’s home repair page at habitatomaha.org/programs/home-repair.

About Habitat for Humanity of Omaha

Founded in 1984, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha builds and renovates homes, repairs existing houses and takes down blighted structures in a five-county area, including Burt, Cass, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Habitat also works with individuals and families to acquire the access, skills and financial education to become



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successful homeowners and, along with Habitat chapters across the state, advocates for better laws and systems. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, visit habitatomaha.org.

About Three Rivers Housing

Three Rivers Housing Development Corporation is a private non-profit providing quality affordable housing opportunities to families and individuals with incomes in the low to moderate income range. Founded in 1995, Three Rivers Housing serves multiple northeast Nebraska communities, including Arlington, Blair, Fort Calhoun and Kennard in Washington County and Craig, Decatur Lyons, Oakland and Tekamah in Burt County. For more information, visit threerivershousing.net.

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