#### **SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2019**

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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Marshfield Area Habitat has lots of volunteers, which help save on labor rates, but it still costs more than \$100,000 to build each home!

You can make a difference in the life of someone who needs a hand up - not a hand out - to provide stable housing for their family. Please consider making a donation to purchase building materials for the new home we are building this year!

No donation is too small. A gift of just \$5 will purchase a box of nails - and it takes a lot of nails to build a home!

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# MEET THE SAUER FAMILY

Having grown up outside of the city, Daniel and Briana Sauer moved into Marshfield to give their son, Madden, age 9, more opportunities. "We just always had a feeling he would be very sports oriented," says Briana, "and we were right."

Madden loves soccer and little league, all sports really, and along with his younger brother Dalton, age 5, he'll soon have the chance to practice and play in the Sauer's very own yard with the help of Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity.

As a Partner Family, the Sauers will also have the chance to roll up their sleeves and work alongsideHabitat volunteers to make their dream home a reality in 2019.

After moving from rental to rental, looking for the best fit for their family, Daniel and Briana are excited to set down roots and focus on the future. The journey to get them to the groundbreaking on their new home on June 30th was not always easy for the Sauer family. There was some uncertainty that Habitat would be able to find a lot to build on in time to complete construction in 2019, but eventually, the good news came. "As we started seeing properties and actually having meetings I was starting to get excited," Says Daniel, "I'd have to say, probably within the last month I've been the most excited."

With hard work from the family and community volunteers like you, the Sauer family should be in their new home on South Cypress Ave. in Marshfield to celebrate Christmas.



# DREAMS COME TRUE FOR THE WOODWARD FAMILY

"To me, "says Angela Woodward, "this is just the perfect town. It has everything I need, and nothing I don't." Angela, an Army Veteran and mother of our other Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity 2019 Partner families, has lived in big cities across the US, including

Philidelphia and Oklahoma City. When the time came to settle down in a home with her three children, Marshfield had just what she was looking for.

She especially appreciates the quality of education that Jax, 13 ½, Jarek, 10, and Layla, 8 can receive. She feels that local schools are more attentive to issues like bullying and fighting that might go unpunished in larger cities, making it hard for students to learn. Since moving to the area, though, the cost of raising three growing kids has kept their housing budget tight.

The family of four have had to have to make do with a two-bedroom apartment to keep costs down. She says that it's a nice place for the right people, but as the kids continue to grow, space has run out. That's what brought her to Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity.

When Marshfield Habitat learned about an exisitng home that would go up for sale, they knew the property would be a great fit for Angela and her children. After she toured the property, she felt the same way, it was exactly the way she had envisioned their new home, right down to the yellow paint. On July 1st, 2019, Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity closed on the sale of a home for Angela and her family. With the help of the Woodwards, Habitat volunteers, and community members renovations will be made on the West 5th Street home over the summer.



### WANT TO HELP BUILD DREAMS FOR OUR PARTNER FAMILIES?

Get your family, your church group, your friends, or co-workers together for a day of hard and rewarding work! You can volunteer as an individual or with a group by contacting the Habitat office at 715.384.7533.

### HERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY!

Donate: Habitat is supported through individual donors and private grants. Your support of a monthly or annual donation will help local families build an affordable place to call home.

Amazon Smile: Shop at smile.amazon.com and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of your eligible purchases to a charitable organization. Just choose Marshfield Area Habitat for Humanity!

Thrivent Choice: This program for members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans lets you designate a portion of their premiums to non-profit charitable organization like Habitat

Cars for Homes: When you recycle your vehicle, you help MAHFH build more homes. Call Cars for Homes toll-free at 1-877-277-4344 for more information (they take boats, RVs and trucks too!).