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What do think of when you hear Habitat For Humanity?

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What do think of when you hear Habitat For Humanity? Did you notice that Kurt Warner of the Arizona Cardinals was honored at the superbowl for his contributions and dedication to the Habitat For Humanity in the area where he lives? Did you know that The Habitat for Humanity of Greater Moses Lake is in the process of building its 9<sup>th</sup> house here for a deserving family?

Habitat For Humanity is a non-profit non-denominational Christian organization dedicated to eliminating poverty and homelessness. They build simple, decent, affordable houses with help from the community and the new homeowner and for their family. Homes are built from volunteer labor, private donations, and hundreds of hours of "sweat equity" by each partner family. The homes are sold to the partner families at a no-profit and no-interest mortgage. The homeowner's monthly mortgage payments go into a revolving fund that is used to build more houses. Habitat is not a giveaway program. It is a hand-up not a handout program. In addition to a down payment and monthly mortgage payment, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor (sweat equity) into their Habitat house and the houses of others. Habitat houses are affordable for low-income families because there is no profit included in the sale price. The mortgage length varies from seven to thirty years.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Moses Lake (HFHGML), founded in 1997, is building its 9<sup>th</sup> house here in Moses Lake for another deserving family. Norma Buchanan, Executive Director, says "The construction is going so well at the current Habitat home that we are hoping to do a second house this year." The Habitat house could not happen without the help and support of the community and for that we thank everyone who donates to the Festival of Trees or comes out to the worksite to donate their time and skills to help build the Habitat homes.

Current President of HFHGML, Carolyn Grant says, "The contractors and suppliers from Moses Lake spearheaded by Dave Hunt from Casa Bella Homes has been just tremendous. As of today, the trusses are set, and we are ready for plumbing, roofing, and electrical. This is the furthest ahead of schedule that we have ever been and we have Dave Hunt to thank for that." She also mentioned, "Habitat needs another family for the next Habitat house. Families that are interested in their own Habitat home should contact Habitat for Humanity of Greater Moses Lake to fill out an application."

Habitat For Humanity of Greater Moses Lake wants to send out a special thank you to: Dave Hunt of Casa Bella Homes, Colby Clausen of Majestic Structures, Shane Carlisle of Advance Excavation, Jeremy McKean of McKean Concrete, Joey Balderas for concrete work, Job Corps for concrete work, Steve Rimple of Moses Lake Steel, Mike Garland of Columbia Signs, Mark Walker of AAA Concrete, Jeremy Thomas of Columbia Glass, Cathy Grosso of Aaxon Realty, Harold Meek of Aaxon Realty and Don Key of Skill Source.

Millard and Linda Fuller in Americus Georgia founded habitat for Humanity in 1976. Habitat for Humanity International to date has completed over 200,000 homes (which houses over \$1,000,000 people) worldwide. The Habitat For Humanity of Greater Moses Lake was founded in 1997 with construction efforts beginning in 1998. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Moses Lake is in the process of building its 9<sup>th</sup> house in the community.

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