

[BLITZ HOME BUILDERS 2006 VOLUNTEER INFO](#)

4-Houses in 8 Days

“Opening Doors ... Transforming Lives”

Affiliate

Wichita Habitat for Humanity
610 N Main
Wichita, KS 67203
316-269-0755
Linda Stewart, Executive Director
Richard Stewart, Construction Director
Melissa Loibl, Volunteer Coordinator
Marci Hawks, Family Partner
Tom Tanner, Office Manager

Arrival/Departure Airport

Wichita Mid-Continent Airport (ICT)
Will Rogers World Airport (OKC) Oklahoma City, OK 2.5 hr drive
Kansas City International (MCI) Kansas City, MO, 3.0 hr drive
Tulsa International Airport (TUL) Tulsa, OK, 3.0 hr drive
Transportation from Wichita Mid-Continent Airport can be arranged by calling 316-259-8523, 316-259-8527, or 316-258-9955.

Lodging

Do Not Make Your Own Reservations! This is taken care of automatically when you register. Any changes you need to make after registering need to be taken care of via email to >RegistrarBlitz06@blitzhomebuilders.org<. **ROOM PAYMENT---Please be prepared to pay by check or cash upon your arrival at the motel. BHB is handling the collection and will make payment to the motel. The price per night, per person will be \$24.00, based on double occupancy, all taxes included.**

Wichita Inn East

8220 East Kellogg Dr, (North Side, 1/2 mile west of I-35 (Kansas Turnpike), exit 50)
(Kellogg is also known as Highway 54 and 400)
Directions from airport-exit the airport and turn right (east) on Kellogg (also known as highway 54 and 400) proceed east most of the way thru the city to Rock Road, 1/2 mile east of Rock Road there is a U-turn under the bridge construction, immediately after taking the U-turn, you will see the Wichita Inn on your right.
Wichita, Ks 67207
316-685-8291

Laundry: 1 each washer and dryer. Same day valet service is available. Also see laundromat under essential stores below.

Breakfast: Continental (no hot items)

Group Activity

All volunteers (local and out of town) are welcome and encouraged to attend this event.

Wednesday evening June 21, 2006

Cabaret Old Town (This is a dinner theatre)

412 1/2 East Douglas (enter in back alley)

Wichita, Ks 67202

316-265-4400

Featuring "Eight Track" Music of the 70's Rock Opera Style

This will be our evening--Not open to public

Dinner catered by Corporate Caterers

Cost \$29 per person dinner, show, tax and gratuity for dinner and show only.

Tickets are still available. Contact Bill Bauck upon your arrival in Wichita.

Cash bar

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Dinner served 6:15 to 7:30

Show at 8:00 (will last approx 2.5 hrs)

T-Shirts and Denim Shirts

Please include payment for your shirts (that you ordered when you registered)

when sending your Wednesday night activity payment to Bill Bauck. T-shirts are \$10.00 and denim shirts are \$20.00. Shirts can be picked up from Tom Wicker after he arrives in Wichita on Thursday, June 15.

Meals

Continental breakfast is provided at the Motel as well as donuts, juice, etc at the build site. Lunch will be provided every day at the site except Sunday. Some evening meals may be provided.

Working Hours

Normal working hours will be 7:30 A.M to 5:00 P.M. unless otherwise noted.

Devotions, safety, daily goals and announcements will begin at 7:30 AM.

Tools And Safety Equipment

Please bring your own basic hand tools and safety gear such as hammer, cat's paw, tape measure, pencil, speed square, chalk line, tool belt/nail apron, utility knife, screwdrivers, safety glasses or goggles, hard hat, gloves, etc. **Hard hats will be required until the overhead work is completed. Hard hats can be purchased at Home Depot, Lowe's, etc, for around \$7.00.** Please feel free to bring as many power tools as you like.

Meet and Greet Event

Thursday evening, June 15, 2006, at the build site.

Dinner for The Blitz Home Builders will be served at 5:00 P.M.

Sponsors, families, sponsor volunteers and the public will show up @ 6:30 P.M.

This event is presented by Wichita Habitat for Humanity

Safety Presentation following meet and greet event. This presentation is MANDATORY for all volunteers.

The Wichita Affiliate is putting a lot of effort into planning this event as well as the final dedication ceremony. The BHB Planning Committee highly encourages all Blitz Home Builders to attend both of these events and show your thanks and support.

Sunday Evening Dinner for Blitz Home Builders Group Only

Sunday Evening, June 18, 2006, 6:00 P.M.

Bill and Nancy Bauck's home located @ 2920 S 127th St East, 316-733-0504 or 316-259-8523. Directions from Wichita Inn, right on Kellogg Drive 1/4 mile to Rock Road, turn left and go south 2 miles on Rock Road to Pawnee, turn left, follow the curves and go east 3 miles to 127th Street East, turn right and go 5/8 mile south on gravel road to 2920. House is on east side of road and sets back 300'.

Food, water and soft drinks will be provided. Please bring your own adult beverages if you desire, be sure to purchase on Saturday as there are no Sunday liquor sales in Kansas. Ice and tubs will be provided. At some point during the evening, there will be a short BHB meeting to discuss future directions for the group.

Suggested Sunday Activities

You will receive a packet of info upon your arrival at the motel that will outline things to do and see in this area.

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens has donated 25 free tickets to visit their gardens on Sunday, June 18. There will be a sign up sheet at the motel (or contact Bill Bauck). First come first served.

Sedgwick County Zoo

The Sedgwick County Zoo has donated 40 free tickets to visit the zoo on Sunday June 18. There will be a sign up sheet at the motel (or contact Bill Bauck). It will be first come first served. This one of the top 5-10 zoos in the US.

Monday Evening Dinner

A church in Derby, Ks, (approx 6 miles from the motel) will be hosting a dinner at a park in Derby on Monday evening. Details are not complete at this time

although they have lined up a Christian band to play for us. More details as they become available or at the build.

Cessna Aircraft Co Tour

We will have the opportunity to tour the Cessna Aircraft factory on Thursday, June 22 after the end of our work day @ 7:00 P.M. This is where the Cessna Citation Jets are built and should prove to be quite interesting. This event was planned by Linda Stewart of WHFH and Jack Pelton of Cessna. Jack is the President of Cessna and also is the President of the board for WHFH. We will provide directions at a later date. There will be a sign up sheet at registration.

Dedication

The formal house dedication ceremony will be held on Saturday Morning, June 24 at 10:00 A.M. This will be preceded by our usual individual private time with the families and volunteers at their respective houses at 8:45 A.M.

Weather

Temperatures during mid to late June will average in the 85-95 degree range. This is normally a somewhat humid time with chances of rain and storms. Remember, we work rain or shine. Outside work will cease in the event of dangerous conditions.

Family Gifts

We will be taking donations to buy necessary home items for the new homeowners, or to assist with landscaping, as we have in the past. The money collected will be divided equally between the four families.

Build Site

The build site will be at 3300 North Arkansas in the north central area of Wichita, Kansas. This is a new area being developed by the Wichita Habitat Affiliate. This is a multi-lot development with the potential of 50 plus Habitat homes to be built in the future. Blitz Home Builders will be building the first 4 homes in this exciting development. Our four homes will be located next to each other. There is plenty of open space to allow for the Hospitality Tent, porta-pots, tool trailers, material storage and parking. Directions from the motel-west on Kellogg to 135, take the Salina exit to the north, proceed north to the Hydraulic/29th Street exit, turn left on to Hydraulic and proceed north to the 4-way stop at 37th Street, turn left on 37th Street and proceed west to Arkansas, turn left on Arkansas to 33rd Street where volunteer parking is located on the southwest corner.

When returning to the motel from the build site, due to heavy traffic at Kellogg and Rock Road you may want to take this route- north on Arkansas to 37th Street, turn

right on 37th and proceed east to Hydraulic, turn right on Hydraulic and proceed south to the Highway 96 Bypass going towards Augusta. Exit at Webb Road, turn left on Webb Road and proceed to Kellogg, turn right on Kellogg and go west 3/4 mile to motel.

Parking at Build Site

Parking at the build site for all volunteers will be at The Arkansas Avenue Gateway School located at the Northwest corner of 33 rd and Arkansas. Please park on the north side of the school or in the lot in back. Do Not Park In The Reserved Spots! You will then walk approximately 1/2 block South to the build site. Locked secure storage will be available on site for volunteer tool storage. Those with large amounts of tools may drive into the site to drop off tools before proceeding to parking area at the school.

Essential Stores

Laundromat-Pine Brooke Laundromat, 946 South Rock Road, 316-684-5342, located 1/4 mile west on Rock Road and approx 5/8 mile south of Kellogg on the east side between the light at Lincoln St and the overpass. Sets to the back of small strip mall. Tanning/Nail joint at the front.

Shopping Mall-Towne East Square, 7700 East Kellogg, located 1/4 mile west of motel. NW corner of Kellogg and Rock Road.

Convenience Store-Quik Trip, 110 South Rock Road, 316-686-3221, located 1/4 mile west and 1/2 mile north of motel. SE corner of Rock Road and Douglas.

Quik Trip, 1620 South Webb Road, 316-682-7731, located 3/4 mile east and 1 mile south of motel. SE corner of Webb Rd and Harry.

Grocery Store-Dillons, 7707 East Central, 316-651-2700, located 1/4 mile west and 1 mile north of motel. SW corner of Rock Road and Central.

Dillons, 9450 East Harry, 316-651-2720, located 3/4 mile east and 1 mile south of motel. NW corner of Webb Road and Harry.

Drug Store-Walgreen's, 1625 South Webb Road, 316-652-9140, located 3/4 mile east and 1 mile south of motel. SW corner of Webb Road and Harry.

Adult Beverages- Groves Discount Liquor, 9601 East Kellogg, 316-685-6461, located 3/4 mile east of motel. SE corner of Kellogg and Webb Road.

Lightner Retail Liquor, 1548 South Webb Road, 316-681-0105, located 3/4 mile east and 1 mile south of motel NE corner of Webb Road and Harry.

Abound's Discount Liquor, 955 South Rock Road, 316-682-2081, located 1/4 mile

west of motel and approx 5/8 mile south on the west side of Rock Road. Between the light at Lincoln Street and the overpass.

Building Materials-Lowe's, 11959 East Kellogg, 316-684-3117, located 2 1/4 miles east of motel on south side of Kellogg.

Home Depot, 3350 North Woodlawn, 316-681-0899, located at K-96 and Woodlawn, SE corner.

Everything Else-Wal-Mart, 11411 East Kellogg, 316-683-0735, located 1 3/4 miles east of motel. SE corner of Kellogg and Greenwich.

Restaurants-Many, many are located on Rock Road going north between Kellogg and 37th Street North.

More located at the Waterfront, 3/4 mile east and 2 miles north of motel. NE corner of Webb Road and 13th Street. You will receive several restaurant guides when you arrive.

Starbucks, 1600 South Rock Road, 316-684-2703 or 8008 East Central, 316-315-0662, one each located 1/4 mile west of the motel to Rock Road and either one mile north to Central, NE Corner, or one mile south to Harry Street, SE corner.

Hospitals

Via Christi St Francis, (closest to build site), 929 N St Francis, 316-268-5050.

Directions-south on Arkansas to 29th Street, turn left on 29th Street and proceed east to 135 South, turn right and proceed south to the Ninth Street exit, turn right and proceed west past the stoplights at Cleveland and Washington to St Francis Hospital. Easily seen from light at Washington.

Wesley, (closest to motel), 550 North Hillside, 316-962-2000. Directions from motel, turn right on Kellogg and proceed west to Hillside exit, turn right and proceed north to Central. Hospital located on NE corner.

House Sponsors

ICM, an ethanol plant design and build firm

Hilb Rogel and Hobbs, a commercial insurance firm

Cargill, food and grain processing

Slumberland Furniture, two home furnishings stores in Wichita

Family Bios

Wiley and LaDonna – Wiley and LaDonna partnered with Wichita Habitat for Humanity in October of 2004. They will celebrate 7 years of marriage in June of 2006. Wiley has been employed with UPS as a pre-loader for over 5 years. LaDonna has been employed with Women’s Recovery Center, providing child care for women dealing with alcohol addiction, for nearly 6 years. They have two children: Nehemiah, who is 4 years old and Zephaniah, who is 5 months old.

This family has continued to maintain a spirit of joy and faith despite the challenges and difficulties they have faced. The birth of their first son, Nehemiah, brought forth a mixture of joy and sadness. Shortly after his birth, Nehemiah was diagnosed with sickle-cell anemia, a blood disorder that affects his body’s ability to move oxygen. At 6 months, Nehemiah suffered his first stroke and 2 years later suffered a second stroke that affected three areas of his brain. Nehemiah is now confined to a wheel chair and is dependent upon a feeding tube for nutrition as well as monthly blood transfusions in hopes of avoiding future strokes. At the tender age of 4, Nehemiah has spent more time in hospitals than he has at his own home. In August of 2005, the Samuels were relieved and overjoyed at the birth of their second son, Zephaniah, who tested negative for sickle-cell anemia and continues to grow and thrive normally as a 5-month old child.

Wiley and LaDonna have been living in a 2-bedroom duplex for three years. They are paying \$460 per month for rent and their electric bill averages \$130 per month. Caring for Nehemiah at home requires a large amount of medical equipment, which leaves the Samuel’s living space severely overcrowded. Zephaniah, their 5-month old son, sleeps in Wiley and LaDonna’s bedroom and doesn’t have a room of his own. They often experience problems with their plumbing, lacking hot water for several hours a day. The duplex is also very drafty and allows cool air to infiltrate the bedrooms, which contributes to Nehemiah’s medical problems. They feel okay about the neighborhood they live in, but know that there are safer neighborhoods where they would feel more comfortable raising their children.

This couple have completed their 400 hours of sweat equity in September of 2005 and Wiley has continued to contribute his time on construction sites, donating hours to other partner families in order to offer others a “hand-up”.

Rebecca – Rebecca is one of Wichita Habitat’s newest partner families. She partnered with Wichita Habitat in October of 2005. She is the mother of 5 children, Cody (14), Gaston (11), Torie (10), Hannah (4) and Kolby (2) and is employed full-time.

Rebecca's drive to accomplish her dream of homeownership has truly been inspiring. She has completed over 350 of her 400 sweat equity hours in just 4 months. The average time it takes a family to accomplish this is normally 12 months. Rebecca is employed in the bakery department at one of the Dillon's Grocery stores and when reflecting on her recent promotion, she noted that even with the increase in pay she would not be able to afford a home for her children without the help given through WHFH.

Sergio – Sergio is another of Wichita Habitat's newest partner families, joining the program in October of 2005. He is employed full time with APAC, a construction company that specializes in paving, has been with the organization for seven years, and is a crew leader.

He is a single father of 3 sons: Tyler (11), Anthony (10), and Albert (9); they have been renting a 2-bedroom house that is poorly insulated, electrical switch exposed, and a faulty floor furnace. The landlord required Sergio to re-roof the house at Sergio's expense! During the winter "down-time" of construction, Sergio used that time to work at Wichita Habitat's HomeMart Store, completing over 230 of his 400 required sweat equity hours.

Jeff and Stacy – Jeff and Stacy also joined the Wichita Habitat for Humanity program in October of 2005 and are the parents of David (12) and Emma (3). Jeff is a stock clerk with Wal-Mart and Stacy is employed during the school year with the YMCA child care area. They have been renting a low-income apartment for the past 11 years, one that does not provide a yard or even a space for the children to play.

Questions

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