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From June 18 to 26, Rockford Habitat for Humanity volunteers accomplished the seemingly impossible. In eight days, they built two homes, beginning with the foundation.

Our board would like to thank volunteers, sponsors and skilled professionals who helped our future homeowners achieve a dream. The families will purchase the homes at cost later this summer.

The Blitz Build was made possible by volunteers from 15 states and Canada who are members of the national nonprofit Blitz Home Builders.

In addition to our regular volunteers and Marv Riggins' leadership, we had volunteers from SupplyCore, OSF Saint Anthony and Rockford Fire Department. Thank you to Texas Roadhouse, OSF and the churches that donated lunches.

A huge thank you for the financial support of our major sponsors, Stillman Bank and SwedishAmerican Medical Foundation. Other supporters include Alpine Bank, AMCORE Bank, Riverside Bank, Appraisal Services, Culligan's, Local Union 364 — electricians, Rockford Register Star, WTOV-17, WREX-13, Joan Kelley and GrillMaster.

We appreciate Norstar, Atlas Plumbing, Great Plains Drywall and Roger's Drywall for their flexibility.

Soon two more families will contribute to our tax base as new homeowners. Their children will have a safe place to study and play. And their lives have been changed.

— **Tonya Thayer, executive director, Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity**

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