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everyone

deserves a decent place
to live, and you can help
make that happen today!

Dear Friends & Supporters of Habitat,

Families Face a Desperate Struggle – I have the joy of working side by side with our future homeowners as we build their home and stable future together. I hear their joy and tremendous gratitude, but it's heartbreaking to also learn about the living situations they are in. Hearing about their housing crisis makes me and our volunteer construction crew more committed than ever to do this urgent work. It's easy to get up in the morning and go to work at the building site when I know that every day my time is being spent changing lives.

For example :

- **Angela:** moved her young family four times while waiting for her affordable home.
- **Shawna:** and her three children were homeless. They lived out of her car and various shelters while dreaming of a decent home.
- **Mike & Tommi:** struggled to fit their large family in a tiny apartment located in an unsafe neighborhood. Afraid to let their children play outside, they dreamed of a safer, less cramped family home.
- **I could go on and on:** unsafe houses, toxic mold, and overcrowding are very common issues.



Substandard and overpriced housing isn't a new issue and it is getting worse. The local median home rental costs **\$2,755** per month, and a two-bedroom apartment averages **\$2,136** per month. For many families, especially single parents, it's too far out of reach. Even if they are lucky enough to find a rental, it doesn't mean it is a decent or stable solution.

Please Join Me In this Fight. The good news is we are set to break ground on a new project. Your financial support will be combined with the hard work of our local volunteers, generous sub-contractors, and our prospective homeowners, who will contribute 500 hours of sweat equity to their house. Together, we can finish a home for less than half of the median home cost – putting the dream of affordable home ownership within reach. Would you consider giving your highest and best gift today? Please help make a life changing difference.

With Gratitude,

Ian Nansen,
NCHFH Construction Program Manager

P.S. Hear from our amazing construction volunteers about why they work so hard at: www.nchabitat.org/hope
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