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Habitat for Humanity and Springfield Victory Mission partner to revitalize slab of concrete creating a community mural in the Moon City Creative District

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, MO (HFHS) and Springfield Victory Mission are partnering for a community beautification project, all part of Habitat’s Neighborhood Revitalization program in Woodland Heights. The Moon City Art Takeover on Saturday, October, 21, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. will transform an old warehouse foundation owned by Victory Mission at 422 W. Chase Street., to a beautiful mural defining the entrance to the Moon City Creative District.

During the event, the community is invited to help paint the mural designed by three artists, Linda Passeri, Marian Chamberlain, and Jennifer Wolken, all Moon City artists. Adults and children ages 14 and older are invited to pick up a paintbrush and help paint portions of the mural.

Through Neighborhood Revitalization, residents of Woodland Heights identified a community need to address blighted properties to attract future businesses and homeowners. Through a series of planning meetings and setting goals, resident leaders were able to partner with HFHS and Springfield Victory Mission to clean a concrete slab and revitalize it into a beautiful mural.

“This mural is Neighborhood Revitalization in action,” said Larry Peterson, executive director of HFHS. “We’re bringing several community partners together to address a community goal of revitalizing a blighted property into a colorful symbol of the Moon City Creative District.”

Moon City Creative District is a live/work area for artists north of Commercial Street inside the boundaries of Woodland Heights. The district has a vision to establish a vibrant and unique area that provides a wide range of arts, cultural, employment and living opportunities.

Woodland Heights was selected as the targeted area for Habitat for Humanity’s NR program in July 2016 for having a higher number of owner occupied homes in Springfield’s Zone 1, a strong relationship with neighborhood leaders dedicated to achieving community goals, and the number of residents identified as living in poverty.

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About Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, Missouri

Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, Missouri (HFHS) believes every person in the Springfield and surrounding area deserves a decent place to live. As an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, HFHS impacts more than 110 households a year. Since 1988, HFHS has either built or renovated more than 570 homes, providing shelter for more than 1,100 men, women and children from Greene, Christian, and Webster Counties by helping people gain strength, stability and independence through housing, including home construction, rehabilitation and repairs and by increasing access to improved shelter through products, programs, and Neighborhood Revitalization. HFHS is a United Way of the Ozarks partner agency. Learn more, including official word marks and images, at habitatspringfieldmo.org/newsroom or at [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

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