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Habitat for Humanity starts home rehab to modify home for disabled family:

Home rehab to add handicap accessibility features to meet the Dill/Payne Family's needs

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, MO (HFHS) will begin a home rehab for the Dill/Payne Family, modifying an existing home to meet the family's accessibility needs. To celebrate the start of the rehab, a kickoff celebration will be held today, Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

The two-bedroom home will be fully gutted to best fit the needs of the Dill/Payne Family. Dawn Dill, and daughter Jennifer Payne, provide full-time at home care of Marlin Dill who has limited mobility due to a rare bone disease. The home rehab will feature a handicap accessible ramp, walk-in shower, and added safety rails making the home more efficient for the family.

"This home will provide more than a roof for the Dill/Payne Family," said Larry Peterson, executive director of HFHS. "It will be a place to heal and grow strong with access to features this family needs to feel safe."

The Dill/Payne home is an infill lot which allows Habitat homeowners to live in an established neighborhood. The home rehab is funded by a \$10,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines and its member bank, Guaranty Bank, a sponsorship from Sun Solar, and funds raised during Habitat's 2016 gala, Tool Belts & Bow Ties, presented by Keystone Building & Design.

The Duke Family applied to the HFHS homebuying program in April 2016. "A Habitat home will help us in so many ways," said Dawn Dill. "The home will be a safe place for us to grow old together and a place to call our own."

Once the home is rehabbed, and the required "sweat-equity" and Tools for Life homeowner education courses are complete, the family will purchase the Habitat home with a 0% interest, 20-year loan.

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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 130 households a year. Since 1988, HFHS has either built or renovated more than 490 homes, providing shelter for more than 998 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 and programs. 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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