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BKD Foundation of Southern Missouri awards \$5,000 capital improvement grant to assist with parking lot renovations at Habitat for Humanity ReStore

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – The BKD Foundation of Southern Missouri (BKD) awarded Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, MO (HFHS) a \$5,000 capital improvement grant to assist with renovating the parking lot at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore and affiliate offices. The full reconstruction of the parking lot will take place during March 2017.

Reconstruction of the parking lot will provide improved traffic flow with clearly marked driving lanes and additional parking spaces. The new lot is designed to include proper storm water control to address current issues of storm water damaging product.

“As a firm, BKD is committed to supporting the communities in which we live and work, and BKD Foundation is an important part of that,” said John Wanamaker, managing partner, BKD LLP Southern Missouri Practice. “We are glad to help fund construction of a new parking lot for the Habitat ReStore to support Habitat for Humanity of Springfield’s mission to make sure that Ozarks families have safe, solid and affordable housing.”

“We’ve been dreaming of a new parking lot for years,” said Larry Peterson, executive director of HFHS. “This new lot will make it easier for our customers to shop at the ReStore and make the donation drop-off area a significantly smoother process.”

The ReStore is the largest source of funding to grow the Habitat mission. The store sells new and gently used home building supplies, paint, furniture and home accessories. In 2015-2016, the ReStore generated nearly \$1.6 million in gross revenue which pays all necessary expenses of the organization including bills, insurance, and staff salaries. The ReStore supports affiliate activities with home building and repair projects and recently Neighborhood Revitalization efforts in Woodland Heights.

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About Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, Missouri, Inc.

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,

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