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Tool Belts & Bow Ties event grosses \$121,000 to build a home for a Habitat for Humanity family: highest grossing event in organization's history

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – The twelfth annual Tool Belts & Bow Ties fundraiser hosted by Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, MO (HFHS), held on Friday, March 24, 2017, raised \$121,000 to build a home for a low-income family. This is the highest grossing event revenue in the organization's history, a \$34,000 increase from the previous year's revenue. Funds will be used to build or repair a home for a low-income family in Greene County.

The "At Home on the Range" themed event was presented by Keystone Building & Design, and hosted by honorary chair, Mr. Sam Hamra, of Hamra Enterprises. During the event, guests enjoyed a 200 item silent auction, cocktail hour, dinner, entertainment provided by the Cole Porter Band, and the ever popular Sponsor-A-Home auction where attendees bid on items needed to build a home, such as a low-flow toilet, bundles of shingles, and the front door.

Event organizers educated guests on the mission of Habitat for Humanity by highlighting Habitat homeowner, Amy, who shared her homeownership story. Amy moved into her home in the Legacy Trails neighborhood in 2010. Her home is the first LED certified home built by HFHS.

"Tool Belts & Bow Ties is designed to bring the community together to support the Habitat mission," said Larry Peterson, executive director of HFHS. "The support we received from sponsors and donors will allow us to give back to the community; building and repairing homes for low-income individuals."

The twelfth annual Tool Belts & Bow Ties was presented by Keystone Building & Design and 61 additional community partners. For a full listing of event sponsors, donors, and photos, please visit habitatspringfieldmo.org/get-involved/tool-belts-bow-ties.

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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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