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Bowerman Elementary to be painted by 100+ volunteers as part of Habitat for Humanity's ongoing Neighborhood Revitalization efforts in Woodland Heights

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – More than 100 volunteers from The Courageous Church will volunteer to paint Bowerman Elementary School as part of Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, MO's (HFHS) ongoing Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) efforts in Woodland Heights. The volunteers will paint playground equipment, library and hallways on Saturday, July 15, 2017 from 9:15 a.m. – noon at Bowerman Elementary – 2148 N. Douglas Ave., Springfield, MO 65803.

"When we launched Neighborhood Revitalization, the community stepped up in a big way," said Larry Peterson, executive director of HFHS. "Our partnership with The Courageous Church is another example of bringing the faith community together to partner with Woodland Heights in its effort to improve the neighborhood."

Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) is an approach to serve more families by responding to community goals with a variety of products, services and partnerships to enable residents to revive their neighborhoods and enhance their quality of life. Through NR, Habitat for Humanity will continue to provide home building and repair services, in addition to building partnerships with churches, schools, nonprofits, civic groups and businesses to provide an array of services that address the neighborhood goals determined by residents of Woodland Heights.

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, the number of residents identified as living in poverty, and a strong relationship with neighborhood leaders dedicated to achieving community goals.

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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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