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## Story: Habitat Homeowners Receive a Hand-Up during Rock the Block

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Habitat for Humanity helps individuals and families achieve strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. As part of Neighborhood Revitalization program in Woodland Heights, we hosted Rock the Block. The event is designed to impact multiple individuals and families on one targeted block.

Leading up to the event, Habitat staff met with homeowners along Jefferson Ave., in Woodland Heights who needed help with minor home repair and yard cleanups through Habitat for Humanity's A Brush with Kindness program. Projects ranged from mowing lawns and removing overgrown vines, to painting homes and repairing a ramp.

Thanks to the support of our event partners Thrivent Financial and CoxHealth, 17 projects were completed during Rock the Block which directly impacted 38 residents.

It's amazing to see how much impact can be made when the community joins together to address a need. Rock the Block was more than completing a few of our neighborhood cleanup projects. Thanks to the support of our event partners, we were able to bring in a new energy to a group of homeowners along Jefferson Ave.

Meet one of our homeowners who received a hand-up during Rock the Block.

### Meet Shirley:

"I'm thrilled all these volunteers are here to help make my yard beautiful again. I appreciate it to no end. My house is going to be the prettiest house in a mile. I haven't been further than that, but I know how pretty it is. I really appreciate all the work everyone has done." – Shirley, a homeowner who received a hand-up during Rock the Block. (pictured left)

If you or someone you know is in need of a hand-up like Shirley, please contact [Nancy Williams](mailto:Nancy.Williams@habitat.org), Partner Services Director, at 417-829-4001 x 105.

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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 self-reliance 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](http://habitatspringfieldmo.org/newsroom) or at [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/habitatspringfieldmo), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/habitatspringfieldmo) and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/habitatspringfieldmo).

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