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Tool Belts & Bow Ties event grosses \$113,000 to build a home for a Habitat for Humanity homeowner, Kelly and her family

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – The thirteenth annual Tool Belts & Bow Ties fundraiser hosted by Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, MO (HFHS), held on Friday, March 23, 2018, raised \$113,000 to build a home for Kelly, the future owner of the Tool Belts & Bow Ties home. This is the second highest grossing event revenue in the organization’s history.

The Mardi Gras themed event was hosted by honorary chair, Charlie O’Reilly. During the event, guests enjoyed a 200 item silent auction, cocktail hour, dinner, entertainment provided by The Norman Jackson 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, Emily, who shared her homeownership story. Emily, is the youngest homeowner in the organization’s history, having purchased the home at age twenty.

“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 thirteenth annual Tool Belts & Bow Ties was supported by 96 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 110 households a year. Since 1988, HFHS has either built or renovated more than 570 homes, providing shelter for more than 1,100 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, programs and Neighborhood Revitalization. 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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