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### Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Honored for Service

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County volunteers recently received recognition for their service to the organization. As a volunteer-driven organization, Habitat for Humanity mobilizes over 1,600 volunteers on an annual basis to eliminate poverty housing in our community.

**Don Ecklund** received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his long term dedication to the organization's mission. **Ed Hohenstein** received the Volunteer of the Year Award for his leadership on the board of directors, construction site management, and active committee involvement. **Chris Norbits** received the Up and Comer Award for being a new volunteer in 2012 and his eagerness to contribute to the mission. **James Schackmann** received the Ambassador of the Year Award for his dedication to promoting Habitat for Humanity. **Kerri Kruger** received the Fundraiser of the Year Award for implementing new fundraising events for Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity also recognized Habitat Heroes, individuals who went above and beyond in 2012 to support the growth of the organization. **Lisa McNeal** received a Habitat Hero award for her leadership in coordinating the first Global Village trip to build homes in Guatemala. **Steve Sullivan** received a Habitat Hero Award for his leadership with construction volunteers. **Pam Hargan** received a Habitat Hero award for her dedication to volunteering in the Habitat office. **Tim Koschmann** received a Habitat Hero award for his leadership initiating the Habitat Helper program.

Habitat for Humanity is currently in the process of building Habitat houses #90 and #91 in Sangamon County. For more information or to join the efforts to eliminate poverty housing, visit [habitatsangamon.com](http://habitatsangamon.com) or call 217.523.2710.

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*Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County is a community-driven nonprofit organization that develops working partnerships with local businesses, churches, community organizations and other individuals to create and sustain simple, decent and affordable housing for all people in need. Since its founding in 1989, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County has completed 89 houses in Sangamon County, served over 350 individuals in Sangamon County and served 74 international families. Habitat for Humanity also operates a ReStore that annually diverts over one million pounds of building materials and home supplies from the landfill.*