

Attaining homeownership:

On May 18, 2026, Courtney became Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluff's newest homeowner. She and her son moved into Habitat CB's second home built in collaboration with Council Bluffs Community School District students from Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln high schools as part of the TradeWorks Academy.



Homeownership Program Manager Jeni Mace hands Courtney the keys to her new home.

Six townhomes coming to Minden

Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs will soon begin construction on six townhomes in Minden, IA.

The construction of these homes was made possible through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for disaster relief. For the first four months, priority will be given to households impacted by the 2019 floods.

After that, anyone who attended an information session and applied will be considered.



Flood impact does not necessarily mean you lost your home. It can include things like road closures or other disruptions. We encourage those interested to reach out to discuss your personal situation and see if you may qualify. If you know someone who might be interested, share our website link with them to get them signed up for one of our information sessions at the Minden Fire Hall

<https://habitatcb.org/news-events/events.html>

We Want Your Input

Fill out our quick 5-minute survey to help us find our first neighborhood for our Neighborhood Revitalization program and get entered into a drawing to win one of five \$50 Visa gift cards.

Your feedback will help identify opportunities to strengthen the community and determine what resources, programs, or services we may be able to connect residents with. All information shared in this survey will remain confidential and will only be used to support community improvement efforts.



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



Council Bluffs Farmers Market

It's farmers market season, and the Council Bluffs Farmers Market is happening every Thursday this summer from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Bayliss Park.

Peruse local vendors, explore family friendly activities, stop by and say hi to us at the Habitat for Humanity of Council Bluffs tent, and use the Farmers Market Bucks we mailed out in May!

Dates you can find us at the market:

- July 9th
- July 16th
- July 23rd
- Aug. 6th
- Aug. 13th
- Aug. 27th
- Sept. 10th
- Sept. 24th



VOLUNTEERING

Several members of our team here at Habitat CB have dedicated time to volunteering out in the community. This month, Caitlyn and Jeni (pictured above) volunteered at New Visions Homeless Services serving lunch to those in need.

Director of Programs and Development Kim Smith also spent time volunteering this month, picking up several shifts at The Wall That Heals while it was at Lewis Central High School in Council Bluffs. The Wall that Heals is a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in D.C.



CONNECTING

In May, Habitat CB dropped off hundreds of May Day baskets for the students at Saint Albert Catholic Schools.

These baskets included flower seeds, dirt and cups for the students to grow their own plants, snacks, writing utensils and coloring sheets.

Students who returned the coloring sheets with a drawing of their house or favorite room were entered into a contest for a McDonald's gift card. Pictured above are the winners from each grade with their drawings.

