



**We build strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter.**

To Our Esteemed City Officials of Poplar Grove,

A Habitat for Humanity home represents more than the construction of a single residence, it is a strategic investment in the long-term strength, stability, and vitality of our community. When a local family achieves safe, affordable homeownership, the benefits extend far beyond the household itself, positively influencing neighborhood cohesion, economic activity, and civic engagement.

Stable housing provides families with the foundation needed to thrive. Children in secure homes experience fewer school disruptions and stronger academic outcomes. Parents gain the stability required to pursue career advancement, contribute to the local workforce, and participate more fully in community life. These individual successes collectively strengthen the social and economic fabric of our city.

Because Habitat homes deliver measurable, long-term benefits to the city, we respectfully request your consideration of a waiver of building permit fees for this project. A fee waiver directly supports affordable housing, reduces financial barriers for partner families, and allows Habitat for Humanity of Boone County to reinvest those funds into construction materials, infrastructure improvements, and future builds within the city. As discussed in a previous meeting, in exchange for the waiver we will provide a new "city sidewalk" along the property on South State Street and West Park Street.

This support would not only accelerate the completion of the home but also demonstrate the city's commitment to strengthening neighborhoods, expanding affordable housing opportunities, and fostering community resilience. We deeply value our partnership with the City of Belvidere and appreciate your continued leadership in advancing initiatives that improve quality of life for all residents.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your ongoing dedication to the betterment of our community.

Sincerely, Habitat for Humanity of Boone County

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