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Topeka Habitat for Humanity receives \$25,000 grant from Lowe's to improve home safety and health outcomes in Shawnee County

Topeka, KS (8/22/2022) — Topeka Habitat for Humanity has received a \$25,000 grant from Lowe's to help complete 5 Housing Plus repair projects in Shawnee County. The funding is part of Lowe's partnership renewal with Habitat for Humanity International that includes a donation of \$2.5 million to support 100 local Habitat organizations undertaking home repair and rehab projects across the U.S.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with Lowe's to create sustainable and lasting impact for the aging homeowners in our community. Access to safe, decent and affordable shelter becomes even more important as we age and we are so thankful to have Lowe's supporting our Housing Plus approach to our Aging in Place program," said Janice Watkins, CEO, Topeka Habitat for Humanity.

The granted funds will allow Topeka Habitat to focus on repairs that improve the quality of life for those that are aging in their homes with a focus on safe, accessible and energy-efficient repairs that will allow the homeowners to continue to live in their homes with increased autonomy, accessibility and dignity. This work is vitally important as Aging in Place is a focus for the City of Topeka and housing partners, as the number of residents age 65 and older is projected to increase by 24 percent over the next five years, according to the Citywide Housing Market Study and Strategy Summary.

Topeka Habitat will be kicking off this grant with a volunteer day on August 23, 2022 from 8:30-3:30 to build a ramp for an aging homeowner at 1340 N. School Auburn, KS 66402.

Access to quality, affordable home repair and modification services continues to be out of reach for low to moderate income households across the nation. With the support of this funding, Topeka Habitat will be able to further its efforts of helping aging homeowners in Shawnee County address critical health and safety issues in their homes.

Lowe's and Habitat began their partnership in 2003. Since then, Lowe's has supported many of the global housing nonprofit's efforts, including the Women Build Program and Habitat's Neighborhood Revitalization program. Lowe's has also supported Habitat's [Cost of Home](#) national advocacy campaign and sponsored local Habitat builds and employee volunteer days, in addition to providing affiliate grants and donated products. Lowe's commitment through 2022 will bring the company's total contributions to Habitat to more than \$84 million.

About Topeka Habitat for Humanity

Topeka Habitat is a non-profit, community housing development organization that brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. Dedicated to ending substandard housing, Topeka Habitat builds and repairs homes in a partnership model. All of these efforts are additionally supported by the Topeka ReStore, located at 121 NE Gordon, which sells donated home improvement items at a discount to raise funds for Topeka Habitat. For more information visit www.topekahabitat.org or call 785-234-4322.

About Lowe's

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