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**Palouse Habitat for Humanity shares corrected announcement of future Habitat homeowner for the 2023 home in Palouse, Washington**

**Moscow, Idaho. (September 5, 2023) —** Palouse Habitat for Humanity has selected the future homeowner for its 23rd home build. The public is invited to celebrate with a Wall Raising on Sunday, September 10 at 2:00 at the home at 109 W. Park Street, in Palouse Washington.

Kelsey Blair applied for the Habitat for Humanity house “because home ownership has gotten to be very far out of reach for single income households. I graduated from college in 2013, when my son was in kindergarten. I want people to know that I have never been unemployed, never been terminated from a job and never filed bankruptcy. Since graduating from college, I have worked most of my career in public school districts. My son and I are very much looking forward to having a place to call our own. As a mother I wish I could have done this earlier in his life, but I am very grateful to have this opportunity now. My son has a few years left in high school, he is a great kid, he participates in 3 sports per year and FFA. I enjoy cheering for him and the team at almost every game. This house will become the home base for him for the remainder of his high school years and as he enters early adulthood, and for that I am appreciative. I’m excited to help build the house and learn some handyman skills that will help me take care of the house once it’s finished. Thank you to Habitat for Humanity and the volunteers for your amazing work.”

Palouse Habitat expects the Blair home to cost $258,000 to build. The funds to build the home are raised through grants, fundraisers, and donations of materials or labor. Palouse Habitat spends funds raised locally, purchasing building materials and hiring local sub-contractors.

Help build the Blair home! Come volunteer! Individuals and groups are welcome. Tools, supervision and training are provided. We’re building three days a week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Please fill out the interest form online at https://palousehabitat.org/volunteer.

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**About Palouse Habitat for Humanity**

Palouse Habitat for Humanity is the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, and has been building simple, decent, affordable housing in Latah and Whitman counties since 1992. Its mission is to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope. Habitat homes are built with volunteer labor. Habitat homeowners are selected based on need, willingness to help build the home (including up to 500 hours of “sweat equity”), and specific income criteria including the financial ability to purchase the home from Palouse Habitat after completing their partnership requirements.

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