

Help Build a House with Habitat for Humanity

St. Paul UMC will partner with 19 other faith organizations to build a house again this summer and fall. The build begins Saturday, August 5, and the house will be completed in early December. The location of the build is 3905 North 22 Street.

Elva and her two children will be moving into the house when it is completed. Elva met her husband, Emiliano, when she was visiting her brothers in Omaha in 2001. That same year she moved to the United States and started her new life with Emiliano. They had two children, Emiliano and Adela. In November of 2008 tragedy struck when fire destroyed their family home and took the life of her husband. He perished in the heroic act of saving their children from the fire. Elva had to start from the beginning, without her husband by her side. A friend recommended her to Habitat Omaha.

When they partner with Habitat Omaha, families purchase homes through affordable loans, making monthly mortgage payments for 20-30 years. Before closing, they contribute up to 350 hours of sweat equity working on Habitat Omaha construction sites. Soon to be homeowners also attend a variety of workshops to help prepare them for successful home ownership. At closing they make a modest \$500 down payment.

If you would like to help with this Habitat for Humanity build, please call Kent Bacon at 402-533-2208 or email him at kbacon@abbnebraska.com for information on signing up.