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## American AgCredit & Friends Give & Volunteer to Wichita Habitat for Humanity “Build” Event

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*~ Farm Credit Build Event donates money and employees to build a home, with 10/13 dedicated to Farm Credit teams*

WICHITA, KS — American AgCredit employees in Wichita will be volunteering “on the clock” for Habitat for Humanity to build a home in Sedgwick County for the Farm Credit Bank Building & Friends “Build” event. American AgCredit – along with partners U.S. AgBank, AgVantis, CoBank, and Hutchinson Credit Union -- is supporting the event through financial support and employee involvement. More than a dozen local community partners are also pitching in.

“American AgCredit is proud to be involved in Wichita’s Habitat for Humanity (WHFH) Farm Credit Build Event,” says Roger Bastow, Chief Administrative Officer for American AgCredit’s Heartland Region. “As a community organization, we support WHFH’s goal of eradicating poverty housing in Sedgwick County and we’re excited to pitch in. Our staff views this as an opportunity to give back to the community in a very meaningful way.”

House construction is scheduled for September 21st through October 16th. The official Farm Credit Build Day is slated for October 13<sup>th</sup> and will involve interior painting, hanging interior doors, installing trim and cabinets, washing windows, and landscaping.

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According to Linda Stewart, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity, “Many individuals and organizations are coming together to make this event possible. We’re so grateful for the support and help from American AgCredit and others on the Farm Credit team.”

To date, WHFH reached its fundraising goal of \$60,000 towards the purchase of the necessary materials for the house. All funds are raised prior to beginning house construction, and 100% of donations will be allocated to the cost of wood, nails and other materials for the house, such as shingles, siding, cabinetry, doors and windows. More than \$30,000 came from the Farm Credit partners alone.

### *About Wichita Habitat for Humanity*

Habitat for Humanity International is a non-profit ecumenical Christian housing ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in Americus, Ga., in 1976, Habitat has built more than 300,000 houses in nearly 100 countries, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1 million people. Habitat homes are sold at no profit and purchased by low-income households through 20-year no-profit 0%-interest mortgages. The local Wichita Habitat for Humanity affiliate was founded in 1986 and has built 129 homes in the Sedgwick County including three in Greensburg, KS. In 2010, the affiliate has a goal of building at least 18 homes. For more information, visit [www.wichitahabitat.org](http://www.wichitahabitat.org).

### *About American AgCredit*

Founded in 1916, American AgCredit is part of the cooperative nationwide Farm Credit System, and is the nation’s 7th largest Farm Credit cooperative. American AgCredit specializes in providing financial services to agriculture and rural customers throughout California, Nevada, central Kansas, and northern Oklahoma, as well as to capital markets customers in 30 states across the nation.

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## *"Farm Credit Build" Schedule and Fact Sheet*

LOCATION: 3322 N. Jackson Court and it is located on the second cul-de-sac south of 33rd Street. Edgebrook Village subdivision.

### LANDMARK EVENTS & CEREMONIES:

- September 21st – the first day of the Build - the first wall of the house will be raised and Habitat will hold a "wall raising ceremony."
- October 30th, 10:00 a.m. – Home dedication and ribbon cutting.

### HOUSE DETAILS:

- 2 bedrooms/1 bath ~ single story ~ 864 square feet

### SCHEDULE:

**FIRST 5-6 days:** frame basement walls, set floor joist and floor decking, frame first floor, install OSB on first floor walls, install rafters, sheet roofing, set windows/doors, install the exterior siding, build porches and car port, and complete the roofing. During most of this phase, volunteers will be wearing hard hats for their safety and protection. WHFH will be coordinating the framing inspection with City of Wichita inspectors.

**SECOND 5-6 days:** trades install the HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems. Volunteer activities will coordinate around work of the trades and additional building inspections. Activities might likely include painting the exterior, constructing the storage shed, then moving to the interior to insulate, hang sheetrock, and mud/tape/finish sheetrock.

**LAST 3-5 days:** paint interior, hang interior doors, install trim, install cabinets, wash windows, clean house, prepare yard, plant grass and shrubs; the vinyl flooring and carpeting are also installed towards the end of the week.