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## Save the Date Women Empowering Families

Please save the date for our annual WEF ThanksGIVING Event on the evening of November 12, 2015 at The Des Moines Social Club. Those who attend will be asked to bring a small unwrapped gift which will be given to an Anawim Housing family in need. This is a great opportunity to meet other inspiring women who share the same passion for empowering Anawim families! To RSVP, please email [krolfes@anawimhousing.org](mailto:krolfes@anawimhousing.org).



## E-Newsletter

Stay up to date with the latest Anawim Housing news by signing up to receive our monthly E-News!

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RUSS FRAZIER  
PRESIDENT, ANAWIM HOUSING

# ADDRESSING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SHORTAGE

I LIVE IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND I WOULD GUESS YOU DO TOO. IF YOU DEFINE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS A HOME YOU CAN AFFORD TO LIVE IN THEN HOPEFULLY MOST OF US DO MEET THAT DEFINITION.

SO WHAT DOES UNAFFORDABLE HOUSING LOOK LIKE? THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) HAS DEFINED IT AS SPENDING MORE THAN 30% OF YOUR GROSS ANNUAL INCOME ON YOUR HOUSING. BY THAT DEFINITION MANY PEOPLE, MOSTLY LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS, IN CENTRAL IOWA LIVE IN UNAFFORDABLE HOUSING. ACCORDING TO DATA FROM THE CENSUS BUREAU AND HUD THERE ARE 16,620 LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN POLK COUNTY (THAT'S A FAMILY OF FOUR EARNING LESS THAN \$22,000 PER YEAR). UNFORTUNATELY THERE ARE ONLY 4,330 ADEQUATE RENTAL UNITS AVAILABLE. THAT'S JUST 26 UNITS FOR EVERY 100 HOUSEHOLDS.

WE KNOW THAT WHEN YOU ARE FORCED TO SPEND MORE ON YOUR HOUSING YOU MUST SACRIFICE IN OTHER AREAS. HOUSEHOLDS THAT SPEND MORE THAN 30% OF THEIR INCOME ON HOUSING SPEND 40% LESS ON FOOD AND 70% LESS ON HEALTHCARE, CHOICES THAT HAVE AN AFFECT ON OUR COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM.

**THE SOLUTION?** WHILE BUILDING MORE IS PART OF IT, WE MUST ALSO DEVELOP LOCATIONS WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD AND INFRASTRUCTURE. WE MUST EDUCATE AND COLLABORATE. WE MUST IDENTIFY OPTIONS AND SEEK INPUT. MOST IMPORTANTLY HOWEVER WE MUST SOLVE IT. EVERY DAY THAT WE HAVE A SHORTAGE IS ANOTHER DAY WHEN FAMILIES IN THE DES MOINES AREA MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN FOOD, HEALTHCARE OR A HOME. PLEASE CONTINUE TO WORK WITH ANAWIM HOUSING AS WE WORK TO BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION BECAUSE HOME IS EVERYTHING.



# Playground Renovation Day with Housby

*We want to showcase  
the good work  
Anawim is doing.*  
- FERN KIDDER, HOUSBY

**On August 14, Housby Mack | Housby Auction** volunteered their time and resources to renovate the Anawim Housing playground located at 1352 12th Street. For the past year, Housby has volunteered a number of services for Anawim Housing and has created a lasting and impactful partnership.

This spring, Housby devoted an entire day to helping Anawim fill in dirt where settling had begun to occur, as well as lay sod. Fern Kidder, Housby's HR Director, also volunteered two evenings to teach educational classes to our tenants on job searching as well as resume writing. When asked why Housby wanted to partner with Anawim Housing, Fern responded saying, "There are a lot of good causes out there and we want to showcase the good work Anawim is doing."

The idea for the 12th Street playground renovation came from Housby. They orchestrated the success of this volunteer event graciously bringing in the resources and coordinating the volunteers. Thirteen dedicated and hard-working Housby staff, along with a few Anawim Housing staff, arrived on the hot summer day in August to see the project from start to finish.

Huge improvements were made to the playground including: replacing the tire swing, sanding and repainting the playground equipment, and bringing in a dump truck of new sand. A sandbox was put in, as well as new wooden frames around each play area to help alleviate the problem with sand and water runoff. As soon as the tire swing was hooked up, a young boy in the area quickly ran over to give it a test swing!

Members of the community expressed their excitement about the newly renovated playground. One community member stopped by to say, "My son is going to love it. We have needed it. He'll be really excited the tire swing is fixed." This community member even volunteered to stay and lend a hand.

The playground now looks brand new and is a great place for children and families to spend their time. The scale of repairs made could not have been achieved without the help of the volunteers and the gracious donations. We offer a huge thank-you to Housby for their continued support and partnership.



THE HOUSBY TEAM PICTURED NEXT TO ANAWIM HOUSING'S PLAYGROUND AFTER RENOVATION.



A VOLUNTEER FROM HOUSBY SANDING DOWN THE SLIDE FOR A FRESH COAT OF PAINT.



ANAWIM HOUSING RESIDENTS  
LATISHA AND HER THREE CHILDREN,  
JOSIAH, VERLAYNA AND VERKAYLA



# Latisha's Story

FOR LATISHA, HAVING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND A STRONG SUPPORT SYSTEM ARE THE REASONS SHE CHOOSES TO LIVE WITH ANAWIM HOUSING AND STAY IN DES MOINES

Latisha first came to Anawim Housing five years ago, and is a single mother to three young children, Josiah (9), Verlayna (8), and Verkayla (4). Recently, Latisha was diagnosed with MS. Frequent medical visits, along with the physical strain of the disability, have made times a little tougher for the family. Through it all, Latisha has stayed strong and continues to homeschool all three of her children. Homeschooling has always been something Latisha has wanted to be able to do for her kids. She says homeschooling is very rewarding in so many ways and is worth the time and resources needed to do so for her children.

As her children continue to grow, they have found a need for more space. When Latisha and her family first came to Anawim, they lived in an apartment. After Verkayla was born, the family of four found a need for more space and moved into a large three-bedroom duplex with Anawim. This home provides the ample space and environment she was hoping for when homeschooling.

Latisha loves that the home has plenty of room for them to spread out. The two sisters are each other's best friends and share a brightly colored pink bedroom with bunk beds. Josiah loves playing



in their yard, having his very own room and playing on the nearby Anawim playground.

Having a sense of security and community are equally important to Latisha. "Anawim has always been very good to us. If something is wrong with the unit, the maintenance team responds right away. They come quickly and the work gets done." She feels her home is more than just four walls.

*"Home is a place where you are a team and you're protected. I do feel safe here."*

Latisha is planning to utilize our Family Wellness Program for a family outing in the spring. Latisha and the kids look forward to many more years of calling Des Moines home and living with Anawim Housing. "We are very blessed to have our housing," says Latisha.



## FALL HOME TOUR

Thank you to all community members who joined us on October 7th for our Fall Home Tour. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in Anawim Housing to view our homes throughout the community.



## BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

The 2015 Principal Charity Classic's Birdies for Charity Program wrapped up with a very successful finish! Anawim Housing is excited to announce that we were the charity to receive the highest amount of donations – Raising \$139,568! Thank you to all who participated and made this year's event such a huge success.

LEFT: ANAWIM HOUSING BOARD CHAIRS PATRICIA SHOFF AND SUE KENNY ATTENDING THE CHARITY REVEAL

# LEGACY UPDATE

Last Spring, we ceremoniously broke ground at 1511-1521 6th Ave, where we anticipate building five – three-bedroom townhomes. Our goal with this project is to go back to where Anawim Housing first began – and carry on our commitment to improve the look and quality of the neighborhood, while at the same time providing a safe and affordable place to live.

The Legacy Project is the first building project Anawim intends to build with private funds and donations. We recently were awarded the Greater Des Moines Community Foundation's Leadership Grant of \$100,000. These funds are directed toward the build of this project. Other sources for this project come from new and existing Legacy Campaign dollars. We are moving closer to our goal, and anticipate new tenants moving in next year. If you are interested in financially supporting the Legacy Project, please contact: Tiffany King, Director of Advancement [tking@anawimhousing.org](mailto:tking@anawimhousing.org) or 515.809.1156.

L TO R: ANGIE DETHLEFS-TRETTIN, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION; RUSS FRAZIER, ANAWIM HOUSING PRESIDENT; SUE KENNY, ANAWIM HOUSING FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR; PATRICIA SHOFF, ANAWIM HOUSING BOARD CHAIR; KRISTI KNOUS, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION; AND TIFFANY KING, DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT FOR ANAWIM HOUSING



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# Leaving a Legacy

The Gift of Tomorrow

Have you ever considered estate planning or curious in learning more? Anawim staff are happy to sit down and discuss how you can leave a legacy and give the gift of tomorrow for Anawim Housing – so that we can continue to serve those who need a safe and affordable place to call their home.

To learn more, please contact Tiffany King at [tking@anawimhousing.org](mailto:tking@anawimhousing.org) or 515.809.1156.

