

# Fox Valley Habitat gets grant from Community Foundation

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The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, an Aurora-based citizens' foundation, has made a \$16,928 grant award to Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity to support its affordable housing programs.

The money will provide computer hardware, software and software licenses to upgrade much needed technology at Habitat's office in Genesis Community Church, 1300 S. Broadway, Montgomery.

Additionally, the grant provides for a portable media presentation package to help Habitat officials tell the nonprofit's story to businesses, churches and service groups.

"The grant will help Habitat increase its efforts to help local low-income, hard-working families living in poverty housing to obtain quality energy-efficient and affordable home ownership," said



Barrett

the Rev. Jeffrey Barrett, Habitat executive director and Genesis pastor.

The December grant is the foundation's second award to Habitat. In 2011, Habitat received a \$10,000 grant from the foundation to purchase a truck for the Habitat Re-Store, a public retail outlet at the Westfield Fox Valley mall, whose net proceeds fund building operations of Fox Valley Habitat.

"The people at the Community Foundation have



The finishing touches are put on last January on the 50th home built by Fox Valley Habitat For Humanity.

been wonderful to work with over the years," Barrett said. "They care and dare to make a difference in individual lives and the lives of the local organizations that impact these individuals."

The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley is a collection of individual funds and resources given by local citizens to enhance and support the quality of life in Illinois' Fox River Valley.

A tax-exempt public charity, the foundation allows individuals, businesses and other nonprofit organizations to establish permanent endowments and temporary funds in the confines of a large foundation. Foundation funds are used to provide grants to nonprofit organizations and scholarships to area students.

The foundation serves the greater Aurora area, the Tri-Cities and Kendall County.

Founded in 1989, Fox Val-

ley Habitat is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a nondenominational Christian housing ministry that builds affordable homes in partnership with hard-working families.

Since 1991, Habitat has built or rehabbed 50 homes in Aurora, North Aurora and Montgomery. During 2014, Habitat plans to complete three new homes and two rehabs in Aurora.

In August, Habitat launched a four-year, \$1,850,000 initiative, "Working Families Rebuilding Neighborhoods," to build or rehab 20 affordable Habitat homes in neighborhoods in Aurora, Montgomery and Kendall County.

For more information on the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, visit [CommunityFoundationFRV.org](http://CommunityFoundationFRV.org). For more information on Habitat, call 630-859-3333 or visit [FoxValleyHabitat.org](http://FoxValleyHabitat.org).

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