

A Summer to Remember for Two Hardworking Families

By Warren County Habitat for Humanity

WARREN COUNTY- Summer is on its way out, and what a summer it was. The season saw not just one, but two homes dedicated for two of Warren County Habitat for Humanity (Warren County Habitat)'s partner families!

The Pregenzer and the Riddick families grew close during their similarly timed homeownership processes. Last September, both families kicked off their journeys together with a dual Groundbreaking Ceremony and began earning their sweat equity hours to become self-sufficient homeowners.

As the weather warmed in June, Nick and Maggi Pregenzer and their three children officially moved into their home on Beidleman Road. They became Warren County Habitat's 22nd partner family, and were celebrated by 60+ members of the community who attended their Dedication on Saturday, June 10th.



Pregenzer Family

The Dedication for the Pregenzers was nothing short of emotional and moving. The opening and closing prayers were shared by Rick Houston, Warren County Habitat partner homeowner who moved in last June. Previously, the Pregenzers lived in a small trailer, and upon seeing their new home for the first time, it was clear how grateful and accomplished they felt. They noted just how different things would be now: the insulated walls would mean they wouldn't have to use space heaters and blankets for their primary sources of heat. Cooking meals for the family of five would no longer take 3-4 hours, as they now have a working stove and don't have to rely on hot plates and their microwave.

When asked what their experience with Warren County Habitat has been like, they shared that it has been overwhelmingly positive: "Obviously, we now have a beautiful home, but Habitat has also been an inspiration and has restored our faith in humans and our sense of community."



Riddick Family

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Similarly, WM's long-term partnerships with community and economic development organizations like Slate Belt Rising (SBR) has supported investments in the region's growth, improvements in our schools and helps meet the needs of many of our neighbors. WM has committed to providing support to Slate Belt Rising through 2028, leveraging \$600,000 for the program.

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