## **Community Thanksgiving Celebration: Bringing People Together**

Habitat for Humanity is excited to host a Community Thanksgiving on November 28th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Reformation Lutheran Church. The event is open to everyone and is an opportunity for the community to come together, share a meal, and celebrate the spirit of gratitude. This special gathering brings us back to the core of the original Thanksgiving, welcoming people of all backgrounds to connect and enjoy a delicious meal. All are welcome regardless of their circumstances. Please consider coming even if you don't need a free meal. It's important to share time at a table with those who do need a free meal.

Community Thanksgiving embodies the true spirit of the holiday—bringing people together to share in the joy of giving and receiving. It's a time when neighbors, friends, and even strangers can gather around the table, share stories, and forge new friendships. At a time when some may feel isolated or disconnected, the event serves as a reminder that no one should feel alone, especially during the holiday season. It's not just a meal; it's an experience that fosters unity, kindness, and compassion.

Habitat is actively seeking volunteers and sponsors to help make the event a success.

Volunteer opportunities:

- $\checkmark$  Setting up tables and chairs
- ✓ Food preparation
- ✓ Serving
- ✓ Cleanup afterward
- $\checkmark$  Contribute a dessert

Sponsorship opportunities:

- ✓ Donations of any amount to purchase food
  - All food will be prepared on site by volunteers with the exception of desserts

"Community Thanksgiving is about more than just sharing food," said Habitat for Humanity Director, Matt Cooksey. "It's about sharing hope, love, and a sense of belonging. We invite everyone to come, whether they need a meal or just want to celebrate with others. The more people we have, the richer the experience."

If you'd like to get involved as a volunteer or sponsor, please contact Habitat for Humanity at 828-635-7889 Ext 101 or <u>alexhabitat@aol.com</u>. Let's come together to make this Thanksgiving truly special for all.