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MLK Day volunteers frame a Habitat For Humanity house

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WICHITA, Kan. (KAKE) - More than 100 volunteers come together in the Bob Brown Expo Hall at Century II in downtown Wichita to frame a house for Habitat for Humanity.

Wichita Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Ann Fox said, "This is the first time we've brought this activity to MLK Day. And it seemed appropriate to use this day of service to join people together in a project that's so tangible as a house."

Martin Luther King, Jr. said if you want to be great serve others. So all across the nation many like to find ways to volunteer on MLK Day.

Fox said Wichita Habitat for Humanity has built 214 houses in the organization's 30 years of work here. She said the group has rehabilitated many other homes.

"I believe Martin Luther King sees social justice as every person having their basic human needs met. And the basic human need of housing is so important to a family's stability and for the stability of their children."

The house will eventually become the home for the family of Teresa Perez-Hernandez.

Perez-Hernandez said, "I'm so excited. I'm so happy. I want to thank everyone who helped me build our home."

Fox thought it would take the volunteers about four hours to frame the house. But instead it only took about two hours. After they framed it, they dismantled the frames so it can quickly be reassembled on the lot where the family will make it their home.

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