

Habitat for Humanity, Sysmex America dedicate North Chicago home



The Anderson family receives the keys to their new home from Rebecca Mueller of Sysmex America. The home was donated by Rosalie Pfeffer, far left.

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Recently, on a beautiful Saturday afternoon in North Chicago, the Anderson family was presented the key to their new Habitat for Humanity home by Sysmex America, a Habitat for Humanity corporate sponsor.

Mayor Leon Rockingham Jr. was one of more than 50 well-wishers at the dedication ceremony. He stressed the importance of building the community one family and one home at a time. The occasion was especially memorable as members of the family that donated the home to Habitat were also in attendance.

"We are a proud sponsor of Habitat for Humanity, and this is the third year that we have been able to give back to our community in this way," said Rebecca Mueller of Sysmex America Inc.

Julie Donovan, executive director for Habitat for Humanity Lake County, presided over the ceremony and described how the home came to Habitat.

The Rigwood family purchased the home in 1945, and raised five children there. When their daughter Rosalie Peffer could no longer maintain the home, she knew she had to move. Her niece had heard of Habitat and introduced Peffer to Donovan. The Rigwood family home was then donated to Habitat for Humanity.

After a multiyear journey, the house was rehabbed this year through the labor of Habitat volunteers, Sysmex associates and the "sweat-equity" of the Anderson family. The volunteers nicknamed the home "Grandma's House."

When asked what they were looking forward to the most in their new home, D.J. Anderson replied, "Watching my kids play in the backyard and barbecuing on the grill."

Sysmex also surprised the Andersons with a new grill.

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