

Habitat for Humanity  
of Merced County, Inc.



**Photograph Collection  
from the Upson  
Family Home  
Dedication  
July 15, 2006**



From planning, family selection, to building, every phase of the Habitat for Humanity process has rewards and satisfaction. However, when the keys to a new home are presented to a partner family the true purpose of the organization is realized. Everything that occurs up to that point is culminated with the realization of a family's dreams and aspirations.

Everyone who contributes, labor, materials, funding, prayers and numerous other forms of support shares in a partnership with the organization and family.

This photo collection was assembled as an effort to share a special moment with those partners who were unable to attend the ceremony.

At 10:00 a.m. on July 15, 2006 Kathy Upson and her children Jennifer, Rochelle and Cory received the keys to their new home at 421 W. Sixth Street, Merced, CA.

The photos on the pages that follow show a chronological sequence of the Upson's home dedication ceremony.



Affiliate President Lyle Allen and Board Member Fred Pillsbury arrive early to set up the chairs and podium for the dedication ceremony.



Honored guests arrive early in anticipation of a full house.



Habitat for Humanity Affiliate President, Lyle Allen begins the ceremony with some opening remarks.



The Upson's Pastor, Rev. John G. Motz from New Life Community Church in Atwater participated in the dedication ceremony.



Merced Mayor, Ellie Wooten, Spoke and presented the organization with a proclamation.



Lyle Allen presents the house keys and a new Bible to the Upson Family.



Proud new homeowner, Kathy Upson gives a heartfelt talk about the joys of homeownership versus the pitfalls of renting. Kathy shares that the friendships made with Habitat for Humanity members has value beyond measure.



After Kathy's heartwarming remarks, President Lyle Allen, concluded the ceremony with an invitation to stay for cake and cookies.



Several members from Kathy's church attended the home dedication ceremony. This photo includes many of the people from her church who attended.