



## **NeighborWorks Home Solutions Brings National NeighborWorks Week To Council Bluffs, IA**

On Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> **NeighborWorks Home Solutions (NWHS)**, Kanesville Tinley Neighborhood Association (KTNA), First Christian Church, Love CB Council of Churches, Future Foam, Inc., US Bank and Council Bluffs Habitat for Humanity came together, for **Collective Impact**, over three hundred strong to clean-up and make home improvements within the City of Council Bluffs, IA. Volunteers met at 8:30 AM in the gym at Children's Square, project assignments were handed out and volunteers began although it was raining.

Projects in the Kanesville Tinley Neighborhood Association included tree and brush removal, yard clean-up, furniture hauling, window washing, sidewalk removal and repair. Volunteers worked for three to four hours and then returned to Children's Square for hamburgers, hotdogs and fellowship. NWHS' Board of Directors, staff, CEO and business partners joined together for the break-up and removal of thirty feet of sidewalk, hauling furniture, cutting trees and brush, hauling the debris and cooking hamburgers and hotdogs for three hundred volunteers.

This event marked the one year anniversary for **NeighborWorks Home Solutions' (NWHS)** support within the Kanesville Tinley Neighborhood Association (KTNA). During this past year NWHS has successfully completed a Community Impact Measurement, showing the overall high satisfaction rate of the residents, mapping of services within the community and the positive changes over the last three years. In all, six full sized dumpsters were filled with two dump trucks and one other trailer taking debris to the recycling centers.

**“NeighborWorks Week is our annual tradition of showcasing how people can transform and strengthen communities,”** said Chuck Wehrwein, acting president and chief executive officer of NeighborWorks America. “The news is rife with stories of foreclosed homes and decaying downtowns, but there are many positive examples of residents, civic and business leaders, and organizations like NeighborWorks' members that collaborate to create and maintain places where people want to live and do business.”

Participants rehab and repair homes, beautify parks, conduct neighborhood tours, recognize successful partnerships, and host events that educate, train and helping to empower neighborhoods.

For more information about and to see photos, visit [www.nwhomesolutions.org](http://www.nwhomesolutions.org).

### **About NeighborWorks America**

For 35 years, NeighborWorks America has created opportunities for people to improve their lives and strengthen their communities by providing access to homeownership and to safe and affordable rental housing. In the last five years, NeighborWorks organizations have generated more than \$19.5 billion in reinvestment in these communities. NeighborWorks America is the nation's leading trainer of community development and affordable housing professionals.



Kayla Gundy, and Kacie Ankenbauer from US Bank with Roger Johnson grilling hotdogs and hamburgers for ServeFest volunteers.



Ken Lyons, CEO and John Kilnoski, Board Member, working together with Council Bluffs Habitat for Humanity removing concrete sidewalk for home repair.



Pastor Vanessa Ward, holding the National NUSA Who's Who Award, and Kim Kuhle, Board Members with NWS staff Mike Koval, CFO, Barbara Johnson, Dir. of Community Building and Ken Lyons, CEO, celebrating a successful beginning of National NeighborWorks Week.