

# Welcome home: Habitat dedicates 13th house



The Parsons address a crowd at the dedication of their home on Saturday. Photo by Greg Lee

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Nearly a year after breaking  
ground on "lucky house num-

ber 13," Habitat for Humanity  
dedicated the home on Harvey  
Lane for the Parsons family on  
Saturday.

On April 10 of last year, the

organization broke ground on  
the house, the 13th it has under-  
taken in the area.

"It's so much more than  
breaking ground and shoveling  
soil. It's breaking a financial  
barrier," Lindsey Parsons said at  
the time.

Parsons, along with her hus-  
band Bryan and three children  
Titus, Corbin and Aviel put  
in 400 hours of sweat equity  
before being handed over the  
keys--a mandate for families  
who benefit from Habitat for  
Humanity homes.

Parsons, whose parents never  
owned their own home, was  
the only one of five children to  
graduate college. She and Bryan  
celebrated their 10th anniversa-  
ry last year and have managed  
to escape debt; but owning their

own home has always been just  
out of reach.

"Our children won't have to  
worry about the leak roofing into  
their bedroom or a draft coming  
from the window. They won't  
have to worry about neighbors  
shooting off their guns when  
they're drunk or being safe in  
their yard," Parsons said during  
the groundbreaking ceremony.  
"Habitat for Humanity is giving  
my children their childhood."

The Parson home sits in the  
shadow of Habitat's 12th house  
and just a stone's throw from the  
lot that can house a third Habitat  
home; a two-bedroom dwelling  
for a single mother.

Cottage Grove Mayor Jeff  
Gowing attended Saturday's  
dedication along with council-  
man Ken Roberts.

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