

# Local nonprofit to build home for men with disabilities

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A local non-profit, 818 Forward With Faith, has a goal to begin building a home for adult men with disabilities by the end of 2018.

This home would house four adult men with disabilities and have a service provider to administer care to the men in the home.

Judy and Jerry Fynaardt founded 818 Forward With Faith after their son, Caleb, who has cerebral palsy, was in an accident on August, 18, 2016.

After the accident, Caleb had to move home from the facility where he had been living. When he moved home, the Fynaardt's wanted to provide a different home for Caleb. They began researching their options and stumbled across a home similar to the one they would like to build.

"When he was home, we had our old Caleb back," Judy said. "He loved being home. He had his own routine, he improved and got healthy again."

They began putting together a model for the home and daily care the potential



residents would need and filed paperwork with their attorney to start the non-profit.

The home will have two wheelchair accessible bedrooms upstairs, two bedrooms downstairs, individual bathrooms for each resident, a great room and a large kitchen. There will also be an enclosed porch that will allow residents to

go outside while also having a controlled environment.

The building will be owned by FWF, and the potential service provider, Vodec, will manage and provide staff for the home. Eventually, FWF would like to build a home for adult women with disabilities.

FWF would like to break ground this spring or summer, pending that enough funds have been raised to begin construction. The goal would be to have residents moved into the home about six to eight months after construction begins, Judy said.

The home will be located at 812 Lincoln St. in Pella.

"We want to have a home where individuals who have a disability are comfortable, they're safe, they're loved, they call it home. It's an extension of each individual's former home," Judy said. "They're involved in their community and living life to their fullest potential."

FWF began raising funds last year, and so far has raised about \$80,000, according to Judy. Before they can break ground, FWF would like to reach \$200,000.

To help with those

fundraising efforts, FWF will host a fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 2 at the Federated Fellowship Church, located at 309 Roosevelt St. in Pella. CEO of The Family Leader, Bob Vander Plaats, will speak at the event. The fundraiser will also include a silent auction, a dinner and desert dash fundraiser.

Anyone wanting to bid on silent auction items are not required to stay for the dinner or speaker, Judy said. To attend the dinner, guests will need to RSVP.

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