

Beloit program aims to grow home ownership

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BELOIT - Acts Housing, a Milwaukee-based affordable housing nonprofit organization, is ready to start helping families in Beloit, with a launch event planned for Saturday.

The event, set for 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Harry C. Moore Pavilion in Riverside Park, 1240 Riverside Drive, marks the opening of the Acts Housing office in Beloit at 1003 W. Pleasant St., and also signals the five-year program launch of a home-ownership push.

In April, Acts Housing announced plans to help an estimated 150 Beloit families seeking home ownership through the \$2.9 million program. The expansion marks the first Acts Housing office outside of Milwaukee, and the effort is fully funded through groups including the Hendricks Family Foundation, Beloit 200, the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation and Stand Together.

Beloit resident Christina Patterson and her two boys were living in a shelter just a few years ago. Through support from Acts Housing, she will close on her first home this month.

"I had every obstacle in my way to homeownership and I did it," Patterson said. "If I can do it, anyone can do it. It feels amazing."

Patterson said her two sons, ages 13 and 18, have been her motivation to work towards owning her own place.

"You have to stay driven," she said. "I was driven for the two of them. I want to give back. I hope someone will read my story and know that they too can be a homeowner."

At the event, informational presentations will be made to educate interested residents in the program.