



MEDIA RELEASE

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Habitat to Hold Homeowner Application Meeting Aug. 14

Columbus, Ohio (Aug. 5, 2010): Habitat for Humanity - Greater Columbus invites low-income working individuals and families who have never owned a home to attend an informational meeting about becoming a Habitat homeowner. The meeting will be held on Saturday, August 14, from 9 – 11 a.m. at the Habitat offices located at 3140 Westerville Rd., Columbus, 43224.

Interested applicants must bring certain documents with them to the meeting. Call (614) 364-7014 for additional details. Detailed eligibility requirements are also available by calling or at www.habitatcolumbus.org.

Habitat Columbus builds new homes and rebuilds existing homes throughout Franklin County. Residents may qualify to become a Habitat Partner Family if the future homeowner:

- Currently lives in substandard housing, and
- Is a first-time homebuyer, and
- Has a reliable source of income and the ability to re-pay a zero-interest mortgage, and
- Is willing to partner with Habitat on home construction.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

[Habitat for Humanity International](#) (HFHI), and [Habitat for Humanity - Greater Columbus](#) (HFHGC), is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built, rehabilitated, repaired or improved more than 350,000 homes worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1.75 million people. In the Greater Columbus community, Habitat has built more than 220 homes since 1987. The Greater Columbus Affiliate, through tithing to HFHI, has also helped to build more than 230 homes in developing countries throughout the world.

HFHGC is one of the only housing agencies in Franklin County targeting families who earn 30-60% of median income. HFHGC partner families are chosen after a careful review process during which Habitat assesses their need for housing; their ability to repay a zero-interest, no-profit mortgage and their willingness to partner with Habitat through sweat equity. All partner families are first-time homebuyers who earn 30-60% of the median income for Franklin County and currently live in substandard housing. Every partner family must perform a minimum of 200-250 hours of sweat equity, which includes working on their own house and those of other Habitat families, attending homeownership classes and providing Habitat program support. Every family also assumes a no-interest, no-profit mortgage with payments based on family income. Because HFHGC holds and services these mortgages, Habitat has a long-term relationship with the homeowners and the communities in which they live.

Also supporting HFHGC is [Habitat's ReStore](#), a resale store that accepts and sells reusable home improvement materials to the general public. Revenue from sales directly offsets 100% of Habitat's administrative costs and assists in both eliminating substandard housing and creating homeownership in Greater Columbus. Habitat's ReStore is located at 3140 Westerville Road, 3 miles southwest of Easton; 2 miles south of Morse Road. The store is open to the public Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and summer Sundays from 12 – 5 p.m.

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(614) HABITAT or www.habitatcolumbus.org.

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