



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Habitat ReBuild Project Completed Thanks to Challenge for Change Contest Sponsored by American Home Shield Homeowner to receive keys to refurbished home on Saturday, August 6

COLUMBUS, Ohio (August 5, 2011) – Earlier this year, Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus won the Challenge for Change online voting contest, sponsored by [American Home Shield](#), earning \$25,000 toward the reconstruction of a property. More than 72,000 votes were cast for the Columbus-area Habitat ReBuild project which will be dedicated to the new homeowner on Saturday, August 6. Other sponsors of this ReBuild project include the United Way of Central Ohio, Harmony Project, Kiwanis Club of Columbus, Community Development for All People, and the City of Columbus Department of Development.

Through Habitat's ongoing Neighborhood Revitalization Project, rebuilt properties like this one are helping to improve and stabilize communities throughout Franklin County. The property was gutted and rebuilt on the inside and outside to create decent, affordable housing for the new Habitat homeowner and her young family.

Date:	Saturday, August 6
Time:	12:30 p.m. Program including presentation of house keys to the new homeowner
Location:	1120 Whittier, Columbus, 43206
Habitat Partner Family:	Mom and her three children
Sponsors:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Home Shield• City of Columbus, Dept. of Development• United Way of Central Ohio• Harmony Project• Kiwanis Club of Columbus• Community Development for All People
Speakers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Habitat Homeowner• Sponsor representatives• E.J. Thomas, CEO, Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus
Photo Ops/Interviews:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• House key presentation to homeowner• Family and speakers are available for interviews

GENERAL INFORMATION

[Habitat for Humanity - Greater Columbus](#) (HFHGC) works throughout Franklin County, Ohio and has built 234 homes since 1987. The Greater Columbus Affiliate, through tithing to HFHI, has also helped to build more than 250 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 Sundays from 12 – 5 p.m.

About Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian 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 400,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 2 million people. For more information, or to donate or volunteer, visit habitat.org.

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