

Join us

*As we cross
the threshold*

The need for affordable housing in Nashville is more critical than ever, and our city simply must have an organization that is actively working with families at the very lowest levels of income to break out of poverty permanently and to stop the generational transfer of hopelessness.

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity is such an organization. Habitat homeowners are realizing the American Dream, not only of homeownership, but also a better life. Your support of Nashville Habitat will extend far beyond the walls of their homes.

Help us ensure that Nashville Habitat's vision is able to continue making lasting, positive change for thousands of families living in poverty in our community for years to come. Please make homeownership a possibility for all families in Nashville by *Crossing the Threshold* with us.

By having the land, quality programs and services available to those in need, something wonderful happens. Nashvillians step out and offer a hand to their neighbors, and those neighbors are never the same. The partner families are changed and motivated by this experience too. By helping to build someone's self esteem through earned ownership, each year more than 10,000 Nashville volunteers see the difference that they can make.

This Capital Campaign will put us in the position to build 60 homes in 2011 with land ready for two years into the future. In addition, we will have reached our goal for servicing 527 active mortgages, which, when combined with HomeStore sales, will generate the funding needed to ensure that Nashville Habitat will remain, for years to come, a viable solution to help low-income families permanently step out of poverty.

This Capital Campaign will allow us to achieve our vision for HomeWORKS by partnering with agencies to help families become successful homeowners. It will help us reach families that are two or more years away from affording a Habitat mortgage. By reaching these populations, we will take a step toward moving families from the "hand-out" mode to becoming successful, contributing members of society.

Finally, this Capital Campaign will result in more than 1,739 family members in Nashville being able to move out of poverty for good. We can say this with confidence because we have seen it happen time after time, family after family. Join us as we *Cross the Threshold* and help build more homes and change more lives for generations to come.



Chris McCarthy
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Fact

A University of Tennessee study found that children who live in homes as opposed to those living in rental units:

- Are 25 percent more likely to graduate from high school.
- Are 116 percent more likely to graduate from college.
- Are 20 percent less likely to become teenaged mothers.
- Are 59 percent more likely to own a home within 10 years of moving from their parent's household.
- Save taxpayers an estimated \$34,000 in public expenditures.
- Are more likely to vote.
- Are more likely to become involved in their communities.