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one community at a time.

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Donor Highlights

LP's generosity and support just keeps growing

As Omar Sinjo and Nafla Mohammed and their four children look toward the first anniversary of the purchase of their Nashville Habitat home, sponsored and built by LP Corporation, plans are underway for the company to build a home for another family in need. LP will sponsor a house for Lorena Brandon and her two children.

But the company's generosity and involvement doesn't stop there. LP was one of NAHFH's largest donors last year, contributing more than \$100,000 to support Habitat's mission. The company sponsored the 2005 Houses of Hope luncheon along with RegionsBank, and many LP employees have given their personal resources and time to Nashville Habitat.

"Our first hands-on activity as a company after we moved to Nashville from Portland was to build a home for Omar Sinjo's family," said NAHFH board member Jeff Duncan, LP vice president, chief information officer and director of technology. "And what a great experience. I think we were hooked from that point on."

Eric Barnes of LP corporate affairs joined the NAHFH community relations committee and coordinated portraits of the family LP sponsored in 2005. Mary Cohn, president, LP Foundation, is on the agency's advisory board. NAHFH also



LP volunteers gather with Omar Sinjo and Nafla Mohammed and their four children just after the dedication ceremony for their new home last May.

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uses a variety of LP building products including OSB, wall sheathing, inch tongue and groove, OSB floor decking, TECHShield (roof sheathing) radiant barrier and Smartside siding for storage sheds.

NAHFH is so thankful for this new partnership that bloomed last year. We look forward to growing with LP in 2006 and putting another family in need in a decent, truly affordable home.

LP manufactures building products and has approximately

200 employees working at three facilities in the metro Nashville area. LP is the world's leading supplier of OSB, a structural panel comprised of small wood chips. In addition, LP manufactures a variety of other building products, including composite decking, mouldings, laminated veneer lumber and I-joists.

The company's charitable giving focuses on shelter, education, health and human services, and the environment.

Years of service, immeasurable blessings

HCA will build their ninth Nashville Area Habitat home in June, but the blessings this company has brought to the agency are countless. "Our commitment goes beyond funding," said HCA chairman and CEO Jack Bovender. "We're getting employees involved out here... contributing to the well-being of a family that needs help."

In 2003, Mr. Bovender issued a challenge to Nashville business leaders to fund and build 10 homes in Providence Park. Ten companies came forward, and many of those have returned again to build.

The company was instrumental in the development of a partnership that led to the donation of the land by Centex Corporation. The HCA Foundation donated \$218,000 to fund the construction of the "Park in Providence Park" and gave another \$100,000 for Phase II land development.

Thank you, HCA, for all you have done for Nashville families in need of affordable homes.



HCA chairman and CEO Jack Bovender (center) accepts the agency's Golden Hammer Award for their long-standing support of NAHFH.

A Selfless Deed

Unsung heroes

This fall NAHFH received a call from a very special couple in town who came forward – unsolicited – to sponsor a home. The only thing they asked was that it be built for a family displaced by Hurricane Katrina that wants to put down roots in Nashville.

They asked that their identity remain anonymous, because attention is not a reward they seek. They simply want to make a difference for family in need.

Here are some thoughts they were willing to share:

“I had gone down to the coast in the fall with my church, and it seemed to me that if my wife and I wanted to build a home for one of these families, it would be better to build it in Nashville,” said our anonymous benefactor. “Nashville has so many things to offer.”

And what moves this couple to give so selflessly?

“It’s like the philosophy of the stoics. Instead of visualizing success or wealth, stoics visualize what their lives would be like without things that make their lives comfortable. If you take this view, you realize how very, very fortunate you are.

My wife and I felt like we should share our abundance, and we knew that building a Nashville Habitat home for a family displaced by disaster would make a big difference, not only for their children but for their children’s children.”

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity is deeply grateful for the gifts these unsung heroes are giving to share their own blessings with families in need.

From the President and CEO

Expressions of joy and generosity worth a thousand words

I am writing this letter to you at one of my favorite times of year. At our agency, the winter season is a time for looking back, preparing for the new year, and planning for the future. We have continued to face challenges, change and phenomenal growth. We have made thousands of new friends, and we feel so blessed with the generosity of the Nashville community. By the grace of God, we continue to grow in service to hardworking families in need of a truly affordable and safe home.

The last three months have been a flurry of activity at Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity. We began building homes in Phase II of Providence Park and completed Phase I in October. As we visited these 61 families in December, caroling to raise money for Fannie Battle Day Home, I was so touched by the joy that I saw in our families’ faces. With smiles and generous spirits, they opened their warm homes on that cold night, making donations to fund daycare for families with very low income. I saw people of all faiths, ages and colors, sharing their blessings from God and thanking us for bringing Nashvillians together to help their neighbors. I came away from that experience more determined than ever to do whatever I can to help every family that is willing to work hard for a home and achieve the same joy I saw in those faces that night.

Our Houses of Hope fundraiser was a tremendous success in November. Our guests opened their hearts and gave generously to help fund land development in Phase III of Providence Park. We will begin that project this summer, in hopes of providing 33 more homes for families in 2007.

Our second Habitat HomeStore opened in November, as our deconstruction business boomed through the fall and winter. Remodelers all over the city contacted us to donate building materials, appliances, cabinets, tools, furniture, and housewares for resale at our stores. The Habitat HomeStore will build another home in March – its third in less than three years. We are grateful to staff, donors, shoppers and volunteers who have helped our community share and recycle its treasures.

Currently, we are preparing for a record year of service to families in Nashville. We completed new class schedules for our HomeWORKS educational program and selected a pool of families a year in advance that attended classes all winter to build their homeownership and life skills. We have completed our business plan for expanding the HomeWORKS program in 2006 to reach twice as many Nashville families.

The construction team is busy creating home plans and developing purchasing partnerships for what will be our biggest build year yet. We’re working with our sponsors and volunteers to complete a successful five-house build, our first build for 2006. Our development committee is working on the spring golf tournament – an important fundraiser for our Phase III land development.

In January our staff and board members gathered for a retreat to set goals and review our 2010 strategic plan. With God’s grace and your help, we will continue to grow and improve year after year. The mounting need for truly affordable housing in our community is a crisis that needs everyone’s attention. With the median home cost in Nashville at \$175,000, our ministry simply must take the steps needed to provide the thousands of people who go to work every day with the hope of one day buying an affordable home of their own. This conviction is confirmed by what I saw while caroling in Providence Park: the pure joy on the faces of children whose parents achieved what once seemed impossible. Please join us in 2006 to make dreams come true for more families.

In loving service,

Chris McCarthy



Chris McCarthy – president and CEO
Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

From the Board Chair

The limits are up to us

As the board chairman of Nashville Habitat, I have a unique view of what this ministry does “from the inside out.” That’s given me a deep appreciation of great achievements – and also of the tremendous need that remains.

Nashville is such a great city and a wonderful place to live, for most of us. The fact is that thousands of families do not enjoy the same quality of life because of substandard or unaffordable housing. I’ve seen some amazing statistics about the number of Nashville families struggling with this. It’s an eye-opener.

It’s also a motivator. We are truly blessed here; we have one of the most productive Habitat for Humanity affiliates in the country. Nashville Habitat ranks in the top 2 percent of all U.S. affiliates. This gives us an enormous opportunity to change lives, families and even communities. But there is a missing link, and I’m calling on everyone reading this letter to help out.

As fantastic as this organization is, from the people and programs to the vision and volunteers, it takes financial support to make it happen. At the end of the day, money is the fuel that runs this machine of hope. Money buys and develops the land, pays for the building materials and overhead of this hard-working staff, and ultimately keeps the vision alive.



Kent Cleaver – NAHFH board chairman

We’ve had some amazing sponsors and contributors in our journey so far. They are a powerful inspiration. Sufficient funding to purchase and develop land for Habitat homes is the only way to keep the dream and hope alive for families who need us.

Not many cities have the opportunity we do. Nashville Habitat’s organization and leadership are so strong. The vehicle is in place – ready to take us as far as we can imagine. How big is the transformation we believe is possible in our community? The limits are up to us.

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Kent Cleaver – board chair, NAHFH board of directors

Land Update

Land makes mission possible

Thanks to leadership gifts from the HCA Foundation, the Memorial Foundation, the David and Sarah Ingram Advised Fund, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, THDA and the SHOP Grant program from HUD, Phase I and II of Providence Park are now complete.

Where is the next all-Habitat community?

For the past year, NAHFH’s land identification committee has been reviewing properties and examining possibilities for land. Land is a precious commodity in Middle Tennessee. It’s also the key to Habitat’s mission of helping families who dream of better living conditions. That was the motivation for the land identification committee’s hard work.

The committee has now identified a new tract of land for which NAHFH has signed a contract and is currently performing due diligence. There is the potential for 104+ lots, which, at our pace, would supply two to three years of construction.

NAHFH takes seriously the mission of changing families and communities. Our commitment to this new land entails property costs of \$1.5-\$2 million. In addition, each new lot will cost \$20,000 to develop, equaling more than \$1.5 million in development costs. Another \$700,000 is needed to complete Phase III in Providence Park. Add it all up, and the investment totals nearly \$4 million.

We are stepping out boldly, in faith, because of our passion to serve the literally thousands of Nashville families who will sleep tonight in unsafe, overcrowded, unaffordable housing.

Please consider supporting our land campaign. Your contribution to Nashville Habitat will sign, seal and deliver this \$4-million message of hope and love to God’s people in need.

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Board Foundation

Board member: John Roe

A new year means a new chairman for our board of directors. Please join us in thanking our outgoing board chair, John Roe, for his invaluable contributions and support.

John first became involved with us through his Bible study group at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Seven years later, John was named the chairman of our board, and our entire ministry is stronger from John's input and guidance.

Everyone has a particular gift to offer, and all of our board members would agree: John has a brilliant legal mind. We are so grateful that he contributed this talent to serve NAHFH and our families.

Nashville Habitat has grown beyond all of our expectations. With this growth comes risk, and

it takes wise counsel to navigate successfully through the pitfalls and changes. John gave us that wise counsel, advising us in areas such as contracts, mortgage



John Roe
outgoing NAHFH board chair

administration, risk management, and numerous business and operational issues.

Without his contributions, we would not have been able to overcome the many obstacles that stood in our way.

Our present stature in the community and in the nation is a direct result of volunteers just like John, who have taken their talent and asked where they could be of service to God and their fellow man.

Thank you, John, for your time, energy and support. We are a better ministry because of your gifts.

Building Our Board

Meet our newest board members



Jeff Duncan – vice president, CIO and director of technology, LP Corporation



Wade Smith – treasurer, Dollar General Corporation



S. Claudia K. Stengel – vice president, planning and design, HCA



Aaron White – director, Core Development Services



Sandra Wilson – physician office associate, St. Thomas Family Health Center

HomeWORKS

Help us GROW!

Our HomeWORKS program is growing at a rapid pace. In order to maintain our classes and keep up with the needs of our families, we need to expand our HomeWORKS space.

We have a solid business plan in place and are simply in need of additional funding. If you wish to make a financial contribution to the expansion of our HomeWORKS program, please contact Kelly Brownlee, vice president of development.

To help us grow our program for children, we need the following items:

- Television
- DVD/VCR player
- Children's educational DVDs and VHS tapes
- Computers
- Reading books (kindergarten through 12th grade)
- New coloring books
- New crayons
- Workbooks for studying (math, language, etc.)
- Chalk
- Construction paper
- Safety scissors
- Glue
- Finger paints
- Pencils
- Washable colored markers
- Modeling clay
- Bulletin boards

New classes in our winter schedule:

- "Managing Your Lifestyle"
- "Cultural Diversity"
- "Your Homeowners' Association"
- "Keeping Your Home In Tip Top Condition"
- "Keep Your Credit Worthy"
- "Earned Income Tax Credit"
- 4H for Kids Series
 - "Hooked on Health"
 - "Safety 101"
 - "Who Am I?"
 - "Sense and Cents"
 - "Soil Conservation"
 - "Growing From Seed"

Family corner

Providence Park Homeowners' Association has organized a Neighborhood Watch program. Signs will be going up soon, and many homeowners have volunteered to be block captains. New officers will be introduced at the annual membership meeting.

Rainwood Homeowners' Association will introduce their new officers this month and the association will discuss plans to start a Neighborhood Watch program.

Special thanks...

To: Nossi College of Art for offering to take professional photos of new NAHFH partner families scheduled to build in 2006 and 2007. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to partner with Nossi on this project.

To: Big Idea for donating a series of Veggie Tales DVDs to our HomeWORKS children's program. We thank Big Idea for offering inspirational entertainment to our younger students!

To: Wild Oats for organizing a cookout that raised more than \$600 for our agency.

To: Dollar General Corporation who provided gift baskets of much-needed household supplies for our new homeowners.

Second Houses of Hope a Success!

Houses of Hope draws hundreds of new friends

On November 15, NAHFH hosted its Houses of Hope luncheon, sponsored by LP and RegionsBank at the Hilton Nashville Downtown, with close to 350 guests in attendance. This pre-holiday event has been a great way to introduce new people to Nashville Habitat's program and to update long-time donors and friends with news of the year's accomplishments.

Out of respect for guests' busy schedules, NAHFH keeps the luncheon to no more than an hour, and this year's program included a brief address from CEO Chris McCarthy and a testimony from homeowner Sandra Wilson. Sandra told the story of how hard she worked to earn her home and the difference it has made for her and her four children. When she finished, the entire group stood up to salute her for her strength and commitment to achieving this life-changing goal.

During dessert, guests enjoyed a video highlighting how NAHFH is making a difference in the

community, featuring sponsors, volunteers and partner families.

To conclude, Scott McWilliams, a member of NAHFH's newly formed advisory board, gave an overview of the funds needed to expand the program to build more homes for more Nashville families. Guests were asked to consider a gift or pledge, and for the second year, they were moved to contribute more than \$200,000 to support Nashville Habitat's mission. Commitments made that day include a new house sponsor, who came as a guest of Habitat board member Paul Lemke.

Once again Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity would like to express its deepest gratitude for the generosity of each and every guest who attended. Their gifts will live on in the form of warm, safe homes that will change the lives of the hard-working families who need them.



(L to R) NAHFH Golf Challenge 2006 co-chair Jaime Woolfolk, Tennessee Titans player Andre Woolfolk, Rainwood homeowner Lavonia Carothers



(L to R) NAHFH president and CEO Chris McCarthy, LP Foundation president Mary Cohn, and Jeff Duncan, NAHFH board member and LP vice president and CIO



(L to R) Nelson Andrews, chairman, Brookside Properties, Chris McCarthy and David Ingram, chairman and president, Ingram Entertainment Inc.



(L to R) Rick Shepard, past chair of the NAHFH board and and Roc Batten, The Ensworth School Director of Service Learning

SOS Superstars

Jean Lauzon

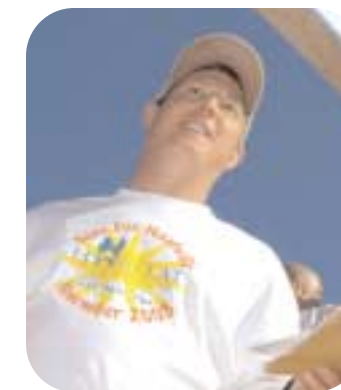


Jean was introduced to Nashville Habitat through his employer, Deloitte, in 2003. Deloitte, a long-time Habitat sponsor, provided a group of accountants to participate with NAHFH in 2004 for the company's community service project, Impact Day 2004.

Jean was the lead at the site and encouraged, motivated and directed his fellow builders in the installation of a floor system. In 2004, he decided to get more involved and joined the SOS team. Jean has described his volunteerism with Habitat in these simple terms, "I support the goals of HFH," "I like construction work," and "I appreciate the positive attitude and enthusiasm the partner families and volunteers bring to the site." Jean has developed as a builder, but of equal importance, Jean has become an advocate for NAHFH.

Since his early involvement in 2003, he has become a regular in Providence Park. Many an early weekend morning you will find him collecting tools and materials, discussing the days activities and enjoying the "camaraderie" with his fellow SOSs, staff, volunteers and family partners. We truly appreciate his enthusiasm, generosity and teaching skills each and every day Jean chooses to volunteer with NAHFH.

Todd Craver



Todd started with Nashville Habitat in 1998, having worked on surrounding affiliates' builds prior to then. To date, he has worked on more than 75 Habitat houses... and is still going strong.

Although Todd is unable to participate every day of every build, he has become one of the key SOSs on the first weekend of the build. Picture if you will, a man in a ball cap and a well-worn tool belt, arms crossed, with an amused look on his face as he surveys the day's group of volunteers. Now picture just a few short hours later, walls, trusses, doors and windows and that same man, with the same look, walking to his truck feeling satisfied that he has made a difference.

Todd is an NAHFH builder: organized, knowledgeable, enthusiastic and concerned for the families in Nashville that we serve. He keeps coming back because there are still families in need of homes, and he hopes one day that the SOSs will work themselves right out of a job! Todd also serves in an advisory capacity on NAHFH's construction committee, where he brings real-world experience to the nonprofit arena. We are thankful for the commitment, the skill and the understanding that Todd shares with all of us.

Novare Group donates pieces of Nashville history

The Bennie Dillon Building at 7th and Church has been a downtown Nashville landmark since 1927. Originally built to house offices, the building was converted into urban residential lofts in 1999, complete with original terrazzo floors, sliding industrial doors, granite countertops and brushed aluminum backsplashes. A historical gem, Bennie Dillon is listed on the National Registry of Historical Places.

Today, Atlanta-based Novare Group is completely renovating all units to create condominiums for purchase, and The Habitat HomeStore has the privilege of helping with deconstruction and recovering items for resale.

"This is possible thanks to Larry Wieck, owner of Wieck Construction, who thought of us when he was hired for the Bennie Dillon project," said Habitat HomeStore retail operations manager Tom Brown. "He arranged with the Novare Group for The Habitat HomeStore to receive this wealth of treasures."

In this way, the Novare Group helps NAHFH build affordable

homes for people in need while completing these exceptional urban residences for downtown Nashville. The Habitat HomeStore saves Wieck Construction the cost of demolition and the Novare Group doesn't have to dispose of the appliances.

"I'm so thankful that an organization like Nashville Habitat is recycling these valuable pieces and reselling them to raise funds for affordable housing," said Wieck. "Every time I look at any building, I think, 'Is there anything here that would benefit The Habitat HomeStore?'"

There are approximately 80 apartments in the building, and to date The Habitat HomeStore has recovered:

- 17 stoves
- 115 cabinets
- 10 refrigerators
- 27 dishwashers
- 32 sinks and disposals
- 13 stove vents
- 5 countertops

Nashville Women in Construction host talent showcase to raise \$50,000 for NAHFH

Women from the Nashville chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) are searching for Nashville's talented – from singing and dancing to pet tricks and yodeling – for NAWIC's Talent Showcase at B.B. King's Blues Club, 152 Second Ave. N., on Saturday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. The showcase is a fundraiser for the Nashville NAWIC chapter's partnership with Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity to celebrate the 9th Annual Women in Construction Week (WIC Week), March 5-11.

Nearly 200 NAWIC chapters celebrate WIC Week across the United States and Canada to increase awareness of the importance and visibility of women in construction and related industries. This year's theme is "NAWIC Builds: building careers, building lives, building the future." NAHFH is thankful to be partnering with Nashville NAWIC in building better lives for local families in need.

Entry forms are available at B.B. King's Blues Club, the Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity office or from Nashville NAWIC's website, www.nawicnashville.com. The entry fee is \$50 per act, with a \$500 grand prize. For more information, call 228-3229 or e-mail wicweek@nawicnashville.com.

Got spring fever? Sign up for the NAHFH Golf Challenge



To be held at the President's Reserve at the Hermitage Golf Course

You can help build Nashville Habitat homes without even swinging a hammer! Bring your golf clubs instead for NAHFH's second annual golf challenge at the President's Reserve at the Hermitage Golf Course.

The tee-off for "18 Holes for Habitat" is Tuesday, April 25, at 1:30 p.m. Volunteer leadership for the event includes chair Aaron Dorn, RegionsBank commercial portfolio manager, and co-chair Jaime Woolfolk, competitive golfer and spouse of Tennessee Titans player Andre Woolfolk.

Players are asked to raise funds from sponsors prior to the event in order to participate. The goal of each team is to raise \$5,000, and the minimum per player is \$500. Additionally, NAHFH is looking for corporate and hole sponsors.

Proceeds will be used to build decent, truly affordable homes for purchase by families in need. If you are interested in being a team captain or would like to join a team, please

contact Richard Fleming at 615.533.4469 or email him at richard.fleming@regions.com. If you or your organization would like to be a sponsor of the event, please contact Jeremy Yeagle at 615.726.4376 or email him at jeremy.yeagle@regions.com. They will gladly answer any questions and send the materials needed to join in this effort.

The President's Reserve, designed by architect Denis Griffiths (designer of Atlanta's Chateau Élan Resort Courses), trails through 300 acres of natural Tennessee wetlands and along the banks of the beautiful Cumberland River. Playing up to 7,200 yards, the President's Reserve can offer any golfer as much challenge as one might desire, but it's a good golfing experience for even the occasional golfer. The President's Reserve has been recognized by Golf Digest Magazine as one of the top 10 in Tennessee.

Three families, three homes, three stories



Matilda Higdon

Matilda Higdon: determined to get her son out of his current environment.

A Nashville native, Matilda Higdon is the single mother of three children, ages 28, 21 and 12. Matilda's eldest daughter is a nun and lives in a convent in Philadelphia, and the younger daughter graduates from MTSU this December, is married and lives in West Nashville. Her 12-year-old son still lives at home, attends John Early Middle School and plays league football.

One of six siblings, Matilda says, "We were poor growing up, but we didn't know it." Her parents were sharecroppers with a very strong work ethic, and they required Matilda and her siblings to help out with the chores. Matilda remembers planting seeds, hoeing the garden and shucking corn. Matilda attended Cohn High School and played basketball and ran track.

Matilda has worked for the State of Tennessee since 2001. She is an administrative secretary for the Office of Finance and Administration and Office of the General Council. When she is not at work, she loves to make doll clothing.

Matilda and her son will move to Providence Park at the end of March from a two-bedroom apartment in a very rough neighborhood in North Nashville where drive-by shootings occur almost daily. Matilda says the neighborhood is overflowing with drugs and violence and she is "determined to get [her] son out of his current environment."

She says moving into their new home will "give us pride in homeownership and give us peace of mind."

"It has been incredible to watch a team pull together and see how much people can create in one day," she said about working at the build site. "I have learned so much. I think I've learned something from everything I've done."

To her sponsor, The Habitat HomeStore and volunteers from Bellevue Community Church, Matilda says, "You are truly going to be blessed. The Bible says 'give and be given to.' Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

Salam Ali and Kadija Abdulhadi: A home means a backbone for their children's future.

Salam Ali and Kadija Abdulhadi are both originally from Northern Iraq. While their families have known each other for generations, Salam and Kadija did not even meet until a few years after they both arrived in the U.S. in 1996.



Salam Ali and Kadija Abdulhadi

Growing up in Kurdistan was difficult for Salam. There was tremendous political turmoil, and the Kurdish people were given very little freedom. He has painful memories of seeing the soldiers' cruel treatment of civilians.

Salam's father was a merchant who worked very hard to support his family of 12. He says his father was a very generous man, bringing home individuals in need every Friday night for dinner just to make sure they received one good meal that week, as there were no homeless shelters there.

Salam and Kadija have two sons and a baby daughter. Salam says he loves to take his family to the park, and they all enjoy cooking out in the summer. They will move to Providence Park this fall from a very crowded one-bedroom apartment in the Antioch area. Salam says that the neighborhood is unsafe, and there are frequent shootings and car break-ins. He says a Habitat home means "space to raise my family and a backbone for my children's future."

"I am really thankful to my sponsor for their generosity for this opportunity," he said. "You don't know how much it means to us. We hope in the future we can give back and help someone else achieve their dreams."

Pamela Sabb: Working for her home and helping to build it makes a difference in her life.

The Sabbs are a vibrant family, full of life. Pamela works for Metro Housing as the maintenance office secretary and is the mother of two children: a daughter, 11, and son, 9. She describes her family as open, down to earth, and "an average family who believes in sticking together."

Pamela is originally from Cheatham County, where she lived in a three-bedroom home as a child with her two



Pamela Sabb

brothers, mother and father. The house did not have any plumbing, and her family had to use an outhouse and go to her grandmother's house on the weekends to bathe.

When Pamela was in the third grade her family moved frequently, never truly having a real home until finally settling in Nashville. As an adult, she followed a similar pattern, moving every year. She wanted more stability for her own children, so she applied to the Nashville Area Habitat program after she saw a television spot promoting this opportunity. Pamela accomplished her goal, and she and her children moved into Providence Park in October 2005.

She says, "Habitat guides you. Everything is upfront and you will learn a lot." Pamela says her best experience throughout the process of the program was the positive attitudes of the volunteers at the build site. She adds, "knowing that I've worked for a home – that I helped" has made the biggest difference in her life.

The Sabbs' home was the Unity Build – a partnership of several local religious organizations who came together for a common purpose. Pamela was thrilled to have such wonderful sponsors. "For them to have such open hearts and be so open to helping people like me means a lot. I want to thank them all tenfold," said Pamela.

Moments to remember

Bridgestone wins philanthropy award



The Bridgestone/Firestone Trust Fund won the Corporate Philanthropy Program award at the National Philanthropy Day Luncheon in Nashville, sponsored by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Pictured are (L to R) Bridgestone chairman and CEO Mark Emkes, Cumberland Trust president and CEO Joseph Presley, Bridgestone vice president of public affairs Christine Karbowiak and Tom Wyly, senior partner with Brentwood Capital Advisors.

Greater Nashville Association of Realtors hosts membership meeting



The Greater Nashville Association of Realtors recently hosted its annual membership meeting, at which the association celebrated its continuing support of NAHFH. Sandra Wilson, NAHFH homeowner, delivered a heart-felt speech on "breaking the generational cycle of poverty" and the transformational power of homeownership. Pictured are (L to R) NAHFH president and CEO Chris McCarthy; Christie Wilson, who was inducted as GNAR president at the meeting; and Sandra Wilson, president, Providence Park Homeowners' Association.

Habitat unveils new logo

With more than 200,000 houses worldwide and more than a million changed lives, Habitat for Humanity International is blessed by a clear mission, dedicated partners and a well-established name. Now, for the first time in its 30-year history, HFHI has developed one logo and branding program to be adopted by the ministry's more than 2,100 affiliates worldwide, replacing previous locally designed graphics with a bold, consistent new look. The logo incorporates human figures united in common purpose, their arms lifted to act on the world's need for decent housing. The roofline represents shelter and symbolizes the Habitat mission under which people of all races, ages, and religious beliefs come together for the common good.

"A consistent, common identifier strengthens our communication of who we are and what we do," said NAHFH president and CEO Chris McCarthy. "We already have a common purpose — building simple, decent houses for purchase by families desperately in need. Now we are all communicating consistently — all over the world — about our ministry."

Whitland Home Tour celebrates history and Habitat



The Whitland Neighborhood Home Tour, held October 22 and 23 brought more than 750 visitors to tour seven homes, a garden and a firehouse. The neighborhood association gave \$1,000 of the proceeds to Nashville Habitat. Association president Bob Lyons (right) presents a check to NAHFH president and CEO Chris McCarthy. We would also like to thank Scott Holder (not pictured), volunteer event chair for the tour, who was instrumental in this gift to Nashville Habitat.

Fifth Third Bank Foundation makes contribution to support Habitat HomeWORKS



The Fifth Third Foundation of Fifth Third Bank presented a check for \$5,000 in support of NAHFH's HomeWORKS program, which provides classes from financial management and budgeting to home maintenance and repair. Fifth Third representatives presented the gift at NAHFH's annual board Christmas party. Pictured are (L to R) Sandra Wilson, president, Providence Park Homeowners' Association; Ron Harvey, community development manager, Fifth Third Bank; Kelly Brownlee, NAHFH vice president, development.



(Left) Olivia Soxayachana, a HomeWORKS volunteer, holds one of the first items to feature the new logo: t-shirts that were given as gifts and packaged in the shape of a saw.

Pinnacle Financial Partners and FHLBank Cincinnati celebrate CPA Awards



On hand for the 2005 CPA Awards presentation in Nashville were (L to R) David Hehman, president, Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati; M. Terry Turner, president and CEO, Pinnacle National Bank; and NAHFH president and CEO Chris McCarthy. Also present (not pictured) were The Honorable Howard Gentry, Jr., Vice Mayor and president, Metropolitan Council of Nashville and Davidson County; Carol Peterson, senior vice president, FHLBank Cincinnati; Wanda Bond, family services director, Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County; and Sheila Moore, executive director, Down Syndrome Association of Middle Tennessee.

Second Habitat HomeStore opens doors for business



The Habitat HomeStore held the grand opening of its second location at 908 Division St. in November, sponsored by the Joe C. Davis Foundation. The new location provides an additional 14,000 square feet of warehouse space and specializes in building materials and supplies, cabinets and major appliances. The original Habitat HomeStore location at 1001 Eighth Ave. S. now focuses on home and office furnishings, home decor and housewares.

(Above, L to R) Retail operations manager Tom Brown, holding grandson Maxwell McHenry; Brown's wife, Robin; NAHFH advisory board member Nelson Andrews; Brown's mother, Louise; Rick English, HomeStore committee member, Boston Properties and Another Time, Another Place; Nashville Habitat homeowner Tabaitha Harris; and NAHFH president and CEO Chris McCarthy.

(Left middle) Nelson Andrews and Rick English
(Bottom) Shoppers enjoy a first glance at merchandise.

Bellevue Community Church expands commitment to NAHFH



In keeping with BCC's core values of "potential of people" and "priority of service," the congregation is expanding its commitment to NAHFH partner families by recruiting teachers and volunteers for HomeWORKS and The Habitat HomeStore throughout the year. With the church's membership of 3,000 and dedication to spreading hope and love, this is certainly a blessing for NAHFH.

"Our mission is to give real hope to real people facing life in the real world," said Pastor Randy Thompson, chief of staff for BCC. "Building Nashville Habitat homes has been a great, life-changing experience for our church and volunteers. It helps us outwardly express our faith and also give back to the community through good works. This year, we decided to share this joyful opportunity with our congregation year-round."

So whether you're shopping for bargains or stopping by to attend a class, look for the smiling faces and willing hands of Bellevue Community Church. We are so blessed to receive their gifts of service and talent.

Kroger's "Sacks for Cash" results in \$5,000 gift to NAHFH



NAHFH recently received a check for \$5,000 from Kroger, which donated the money through its "Sacks for Cash" program during the 2005-06 Tennessee Titans' football season. Anytime the Titans sacked the opposing team's quarterback, Kroger donated \$100 to Habitat for Humanity. Off the field, Titans players and Kroger employees have helped build Nashville Area Habitat homes.

Habitat HomeWORKS hosts board Christmas party



Sharon Reynolds, NAHFH board member



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Moments to Remember

Five more families, home at last

NAHFH's 2005 build season wrapped up with unseasonably cold weather, but there was plenty of loving warmth to go around.

Volunteers finished construction on Saturday, October 22, national Make a Difference Day. Providence Park was one of thousands of sites across the country where volunteers reached out to neighbors in need.

Sunday brought the presentation of keys and mortgage agreements, as each of five families and sponsors celebrated the dedications of their homes.



Bank of America Build

Bank of America associates came together to build a home for Else Gebre and her daughter as part of the Hugh McColl Habitat Project, named in honor of the bank's former chairman and CEO, Hugh McColl, Jr. (Above, L to R) Else's daughter and Else beam with joy at the dedication ceremony for their home. (Inset, L to R) Chuck Bibeau, Bank of America and Chris McCarthy, NAHFH president and CEO.



Cathedral of the Incarnation Build

The Cathedral of the Incarnation built a home for Nita Jones, for which the congregation raised its full sponsorship in just two days. (Above) Flanked by family, Nita raises her hand in triumph for the hard work she has done to prepare for homeownership. (Inset, L to R) Nita and Father Kibby.



Coldwell Banker-Barnes Build

Coldwell Banker-Barnes celebrated its parent company's 100 years in business by building a home for Cecelia Chapman and her four children. (Above) Cecelia brims over with emotion as she cuts the ribbon at the threshold of the new home she built with volunteers from Coldwell Banker. (Inset, L to R) David Barnes; Jeff Rowlett and Cecelia Chapman.



Music Row Build

Independent singers, songwriters, and musicians funded a home built for Rachel Grant and her daughter and son by employees of music-related businesses and members of music industry organizations. (Above, L to R) Rachel's daughter; Karen Sturgen; Judy Harris; Ree Guyer Buchanan; Rachel and her son. (Inset) Rachel shows off the keys and mortgage agreement she earned.



Unity Build

The Unity Build group completed its 13th Nashville Habitat home, built for Pamela Sabb and her daughter and son. (See page 7, "Focus on Families.") (Above, L to R) Howard Malcolm; Paul Coles; Dawn Yelverton and Ken Wooden. (Inset) Pamela squeezes the hands of her son and daughter in excitement and anticipation.



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