

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

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NAHFH OPENS NEW HOMEWORKS RESOURCE LIBRARY AND COMPUTER LAB *Homeowner education program grows, thanks to diverse group of generous donors*

[Nashville, TN – July 21, 2006] – Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity (NAHFH) will host an open house to showcase its new resource library and computer lab on July 25, 2006, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the NAHFH offices, 1006 8th Ave. S. These new resources are a part of NAHFH's HomeWORKS program, which offers more than 600 hours of homeownership, financial management and life skills courses. Several groups provided funding and equipment for the agency including grants from **The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, Bridgestone Americas Holding Inc.** and the law firm of **Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis**. Books, manuals, videos, DVDs, computers and printers are now available for use by low-income families. Basic computer classes will also be offered as well as Internet access.

"We are so thrilled to be able to offer families the educational tools necessary not only to become successful homeowners, but also successful in life," said Chris McCarthy, president and CEO of NAHFH. "Education allows families to continue on the path of self-improvement and sustainable change, well beyond the end of any course. We are grateful to our partners in the business community for their generous support of our mission."

Volunteers are always needed to assist with class development and instruction. For more information about the HomeWORKS program, the resource library and computer lab, contact the Habitat offices at 254.HOME.

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that provides families with the life-changing opportunity to purchase a decent, affordable home. The agency has quadrupled in size since 2002 and is on track to build a record 35 homes in 2006. Qualifying families for the Habitat program purchase their homes at cost (usually \$75,000-85,000) and repay the mortgage with no interest over a 20-30 year period. Additionally, families are required to accumulate "sweat equity" hours, earned through HomeWORKS classes, build site time, and community work or volunteering in some other aspect of Habitat operations, such as the Habitat HomeStores. The NAHFH HomeWORKS program provides more than 700 hours of classes for partner families on budgeting, credit management, mortgage finance, and home maintenance. These classes build each individual's leadership, citizenship and life skills. To request an application or to receive more information about Habitat, call 615-254-HOME or visit www.habitatnashville.org. Major funding for Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity is provided by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, The Memorial Foundation, The HCA Foundation, The David and Sarah Ingram Advised Fund, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the LP Foundation.

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