

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

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Building Homes in Partnership with God's People in Need

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NAHFH RECOGNIZES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

International performer joins affordable housing agency

Nashville, TN - Aug. 28, 2006 - Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity is pleased to welcome **Brenda Lee** to the agency's advisory board.

Brenda Lee is a music and entertainment legend whose career has spanned six decades. Her success as a performer began in 1957 with her first appearance at the Grand Ole Opry. Since then, she has won countless awards including four Grammy nominations and top female vocalist honors. She is also a member of the Country Music and Rock and Roll Halls of fame.

Brenda Lee is also known for her community service and philanthropic efforts. She has been involved with many charities including the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and the YWCA. Brenda recently participated in the Leadership Nashville program and continues to play a vital role in the growth and development of Nashville.

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 50 homes in 2006 – 38 locally and 12 abroad. 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- to 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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