



## NEWS RELEASE



### **TVA SPONSORS HABITAT HOUSE IN NASHVILLE, THREE OTHER VALLEY CITIES**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** [January 12, 2007] -- TVA will honor the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by building a Habitat for Humanity house in Nashville and three other cities across the Tennessee Valley during 2007.

In addition to Nashville, TVA employees, TVA retirees, employees of TVA customers and other volunteers will help build houses in Knoxville and Memphis in Tennessee, and in Decatur, Ala.

"This year's 'Building the Dream' project is TVA's way of celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. King and his commitment to service and racial and economic equality," said TVA President and CEO Tom Kilgore. "With the help of our customers, retirees and the Habitat for Humanity organization, TVA employees will have the opportunity to be part of Dr. King's dream by building the houses and improving the quality of life for four deserving families in the Tennessee Valley."

It is the first year that TVA employees will lead home construction in four different cities across the Valley and the fifth year that TVA employees will help build a Habitat for Humanity home in Knoxville.

"With the help of TVA, our agency has been encouraged and rewarded for building energy efficient, affordable homes for Habitat families, and that means lower monthly utility bills for Nashville's hardworking, low-income families," said Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity President and CEO Chris McCarthy. "Now, we get to go a step further with TVA supplying volunteers to build an affordable home for a deserving family."

TVA is working with power distributor customers in each city to certify the houses as Energy Star homes. By meeting Energy Star energy-efficiency certifications, homeowners will save money on their monthly power bills.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held today in Nashville and the other cities.

Construction on the Habitat house in Nashville will begin Saturday, March 31, with most of the work being completed during weekends. TVA retirees, customers and other community stakeholders will be invited to join TVA employees in the construction process.

Kawa Baban and Tafega Jamil are the homeowners of the Nashville Habitat House, and the house will be built in Providence Park. The construction schedule is:

- Saturdays and Sundays, March 31 – April 29, with the exception of Easter weekend.  
Construction hours are 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Additional information about each project is available under the "Habitat for Humanity" link on TVA's Community Relations homepage at [www.tva.gov](http://www.tva.gov). TVA is the nation's largest public power provider and is completely self-financed. TVA provides power to large industries and 158 power distributors that serve approximately 8.7 million consumers in seven southeastern states. TVA also manages the Tennessee River and its tributaries to provide multiple benefits, including flood damage reduction, navigation, water quality and recreation.

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization committed to providing families with the life changing opportunity to purchase decent, affordable homes. The agency consistently ranks in the top 1 percent of all Habitat affiliates and has quadrupled in size since 2002. HAHFH built a record 50 homes in 2006 - 38 locally and 12 abroad. Prior to becoming homeowners, Habitat partner families must complete up to 475 hours of "sweat equity" at the build site and in the classroom to earn their homes. Mortgage payments at zero percent interest range between \$350 and \$450 per month, including taxes and insurance. NAHFH builds ENERGY STAR Certified energy efficient homes. To request an application or to receive more information about NAHFH, call 615-254-HOME or visit [www.habitatnashville.org](http://www.habitatnashville.org).



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