

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity →

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Building Homes in Partnership with God's People in Need

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SQUARE D GOES THE DISTANCE AT LP FIELD

Employee volunteers to build wall panels for three homes for families in need

NASHVILLE, Tenn. [March 2, 2007] – Engineers from the Square D PowerLogic → facility in LaVergne, Tenn. and their colleagues from the Square D Nashville, Tenn. office will report to LP Field just after dawn on Thursday, March 8, for a unique team-building experience.

After a 7:00 a.m. warm-up of training and safety procedures, more than 100 Square D volunteers will begin pre-building interior and exterior wall panels for three Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity (NAHFH) homes. The volunteer project will wrap up around 3:00 p.m.

The wall panels will be used to construct homes in Phase III of Providence Park, an all-Habitat community that will house 140 families when completed later this year.

This volunteer event also serves as the Nashville kick-off of a new, national four-and-a-half-year \$7 million partnership between Square D/Schneider Electric and Habitat for Humanity International, Inc. The funding will provide Square D load centers, circuit breakers and other related electrical equipment for 22,500 Habitat homes across North America. Square D is the flagship brand of Schneider Electric in the United States for electrical distribution and industrial control products, systems and services.

“Square D/Schneider Electric has been a long-time partner of Habitat for Humanity here in Nashville and across North America,” said NAHFH president and CEO Chris McCarthy. “We’re very happy about the new partnership, and we’re especially glad that they are also getting involved in a hands-on way. It’s partnerships like this that make it possible for us to give a hand up, not a hand out, here at Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity.”

Since 2001, Square D/Schneider Electric has contributed approximately \$6 million in residential electrical equipment for homes built in the United States, Canada and Mexico. In addition, Square D/Schneider Electric donated labor, supplies and more than \$1 million to eight separate initiatives in the Gulf Region last year, helping to rebuild cherished community locations such as athletic facilities, museums and a medical clinic damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

About Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

NAHFH 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. NAHFH built a record 50 homes in 2006 - 38 locally and 12 abroad. As of December, 2006, 1012 family members, including 672 children have been served by NAHFH. 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

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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.



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