

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERNATIONAL CEO VISITS NASHVILLE

[Nashville, Tenn. – May 25, 2007] – Habitat for Humanity International chief executive officer Jonathan Reckford made his first visit to Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity since his appointment as CEO in 2005. The purpose of his visit was to see Nashville's all-Habitat community, Providence Park, in its final phases before completion in October 2007.

Reckford commented that Providence Park is a model for affordable housing communities worldwide, and that Nashville Habitat's execution of the all-Habitat community is outstanding.

Reckford was treated to a special tour of the HomeWORKS program classrooms, including a viewing of the murals painted by children of Nashville Habitat partner families. He toured Providence Park and visited with several homeowners there. He also made a visit to both of the Habitat HomeStores in Nashville to see the success they've had as retail, re-sale stores. He was particularly impressed with the HomeStore merchandise and its deconstruction business. Reckford was also impressed with NAHFH's homeowner certification process and partnerships to educate Habitat and non-Habitat families.

He praised Nashville Habitat's ability to leverage community relationships and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action.

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 will build a record 55 homes in 2007 - 40 locally and 15 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 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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