

# Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

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Building Homes in Partnership with God's People in Need

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## **THREE LOCAL COMPANIES, THREE FAMILIES CELEBRATE AT PROVIDENCE PARK**

**[Nashville, Tenn. – June 27, 2007]** – On Friday, June 29, volunteers from three local corporations – HCA, Deloitte and Nissan -- will put the finishing touches on the Nashville Habitat homes they built for purchase by three hard-working Nashville families.

**At noon on Friday**, all volunteers and families will come together for dedication ceremonies, followed by simultaneous ribbon cuttings at each house. Families receive copies of their mortgage agreements and keys to their new homes.

These are some of the last homes to be built in Providence Park, the largest all-Habitat community built by volunteers. Six more homes will be dedicated on Sunday, July 1, and in October, volunteers will build the last 15 homes in the 43-acre, 138-home community. More than 30,250 Nashville volunteers have helped build these homes in Providence Park in the last 3.5 years. More than 400 family members living in this model affordable housing community could not afford to purchase a home or condo in Nashville today without the Habitat program. Construction begins on the agency's next all-Habitat community, Timberwood, in 2008.

Each of these three companies also celebrates a milestone in partnership with Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity: this will be the 10<sup>th</sup>, fifth and first Nashville Habitat homes for HCA, Deloitte and Nissan, respectively. Highlights are below.

- HCA is the first Nashville Habitat corporate sponsor to reach the milestone of building 10 homes. The 10<sup>th</sup> has been built for Shandaka Goodner and her five children, ages 7 to 16. After the dedication and ribbon cutting for the Goodner family, there will be a barbecue and reunion in honor of all 10 families who live in homes sponsored by HCA in Davidson County (including 38 family members – 16 adults and 22 children) who are leading dramatically different lives, thanks to HCA. Since 2000 more than 9,500 HCA employees have taken the time to contribute more than 75,000 volunteer hours to help families achieve the dream of homeownership. [See attached advisory.]
- Deloitte will dedicate its fifth Nashville Habitat home, built for Arkan Muhammed and Ramzia Sayfadeen and their 2-year-old daughter. What sets Deloitte apart is that employees raise the majority of funds to build each Nashville Habitat house. Every year, they hold bake sales, "jeans days," silent auctions and the like to supplement the company's financial contribution. For Deloitte's first Nashville Habitat house, built in 2003 for LaShanda Craig and her 3-year-old son, employees raised in just five months \$30,000 of the \$40,000 necessary to fund a home that year.
- New sponsor Nissan North America will dedicate its first Nashville Habitat home, built for Schanty Russell and her three daughters, ages 6, 10 and 14. This home is part of "Drive to Build," a \$1 million national partnership between Nissan and Habitat for Humanity International. The company has pledged to build 10 homes in places where the company manufactures its automobiles, and Nissan will donate a Titan truck to each of the Habitat affiliates in those areas.

### **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 grown by seven times in size since 2002. NAHFH will build a record 55 homes in 2007 - 40 locally and 15 abroad. As of April 2007, 1062 family members, including 701 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](http://www.habitatnashville.org).



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