

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

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PROVIDENCE PARK RESIDENTS HOST LUNCHEON TO HONOR SUPERVISORS ON SITE, NAHFH STAFF, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADVISORY BOARD

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (September 18, 2007) – The Providence Park Homeowners' Association hosted a luncheon on Sunday, September 9, as an expression of appreciation to Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity (NAHFH) staff, supervisors on site (SOSs), board of directors and advisory board. SOSs are volunteer supervisors who train and lead volunteers in building Nashville Habitat homes.

Providence Park Homeowners' Association board members Danielle Amato, Kristy Armstrong, Amanda Donald and Avdal Wasman, and Habitat board and staff led more than 40 other households in setting up the multicultural potluck luncheon, which was well attended with more than 125 guests. Hosting families were from Kurdistan, Bosnia, Somalia, Ethiopia, Mexico, Haiti, Rwanda, Egypt, Morocco and Vietnam – as well as plenty of native Nashvillians.

"Most of our SOSs have been volunteering with us since the very beginning of Providence Park, and this was a great way to honor all the work they've put into the neighborhood, not to mention the leadership of our board members, who have helped lead the charge for more affordable housing in Nashville," said NAHFH president and CEO Chris McCarthy. "This community has been built and nurtured by thousands of hands, with construction nine months out of every year and held fast year-round by the family members who purchased these homes. The sense of pride and gratitude on Sunday was very strong, and perhaps best of all were the stories of success and changed lives."

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 one 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 July 2007, 1106 family members, including 729 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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