

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

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Building Homes in Partnership with God's People in Need

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NASHVILLE AREA HABITAT OBSERVES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

NASHVILLE, Tenn. **(September 14, 2007)** – The International Day of Prayer takes place Sunday, September 16, at which time the entire Habitat community is urged to come together in prayer for those in need of shelter.

NAHFH will be in the process of constructing eight of the final 15 houses to complete Providence Park on September 16, five of which are being built by faith groups. A special litany for shelter will be read at 7:00AM at the NAFH build site at Providence Park.

The International Day of Prayer is a Habitat for Humanity International initiative that began in 1983 to make housing a matter of conscience. The objective is to remind people on this day that poverty housing is unacceptable, and that people must respond to their neighbors in need.

People from all over the globe will participate. This year the Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity is participating for the first time, led by the faith relations committee of Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity. The agency has invited more than 600 faith groups to participate. Faith groups are a vital part of NAFH's work. NAFH builds in partnership with faith groups throughout the year, and the agency is participating in the International Day of Prayer as a way to emphasize Habitat's Christian foundation and as a rallying point for faith groups.

Faith groups are also participating by reading the litany for shelter during Sunday services. Some of the groups include: Donelson Christian Church, Woodbine Cumberland Presbyterian Church, St Henry's Church, Brentwood Hills Church of Christ, and Second Missionary Baptist Church.

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. NAFH 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 NAFH. 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. NAFH builds ENERGY STAR Certified energy efficient homes. To request an application or to receive more information about NAFH, call 615-254-HOME or visit www.habitatnashville.org.



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