

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

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Building Homes in Partnership with God's People in Need

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SAM'S CLUB DONATES 28,800 BOTTLES OF WATER

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (September 7, 2007) – We often say that volunteers are the lifeblood of Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity. So perhaps the lifeblood of those volunteers – at least when they're hammering away on someone's soon-to-be home – is water.

And to help keep volunteers hydrated, Sam's Club is donating 28,800 bottles of water to NAHFH's fall build, which takes place on weekends between September 8 and October 21. ALL BOTTLES WILL BE RECYCLED.

"Anyone who has come out to build with us can tell you that it's very rewarding work – and it makes you very thirsty," said NAHFH construction director Chip Wilson. "You can't keep going if you don't drink enough water, and we are very vocal with our volunteers about that. Bottles are necessary because of portability. Volunteers need to be able to keep a bottle on their tool belts with them as they are working up on the roof beams and on ladders. With the record temperatures we had in August, our consumption of water went way up, and it is so generous of Sam's Club® to offer help in this way."

Sam's Club® and parent company Wal-Mart have also donated more than 68 truckloads (1,953,600 bottles) of water to military installations around the U.S. for military personnel deploying to Iraq and other international locations.

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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