

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

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Building Homes in Partnership with God's People in Need

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TENNESSEE TITANS AND LP

\$100 PER POINT HELPS GIVE NASHVILLE FAMILY A PRICELESS OPPORTUNITY

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (September 10, 2007) – For the second NFL season in a row, the Tennessee Titans and LP Building Products will contribute \$100 for each point scored during the 2007 season toward the sponsorship of a home for a hard-working, low-income Nashville family. The Titans/LP Build, which is part of the partnership announced last summer for the naming of LP Field, will take place in spring 2008.

“The Titans and LP have each been wonderful partners with Nashville Area Habitat since moving to Nashville, and it was great to see them pair up together to build for a family in conjunction with the naming of LP Field,” said NAHFH president and CEO Chris McCarthy. “We are so grateful for the many ways they support our ministry.”

LP vice president of marketing John Neilson said, “It’s such a rewarding part of our partnership with the Titans. And what a great example of teamwork – for LP employees to work alongside the Habitat partner family, the Tennessee Titans organization, fans and families to build something with their hands that will change a family’s life so dramatically.”

Last year’s per-point donation resulted in a Habitat house, built by LP and Titans volunteers in March 2007, for Nashville resident Yvette Thompson and her two children. “All the odds were against me, but with prayer and courage, my family now has a home,” said Thompson. “If it were not for this opportunity through Habitat, I think we would have always lived in an apartment and never have gotten out of that cycle.”

Habitat homeowners meet strict criteria, including saving a down payment, qualifying for a zero-interest Habitat mortgage, and donating hundreds of hours of sweat equity on the construction site and in HomeWORKS classes. HomeWORKS is Nashville Habitat’s educational program to prepare prospective homebuyers for owning a home.

In addition to teaming with the Titans, LP sponsored a second home (LP Foundation House) for Nashville resident Matrice Walker and her son. A part of LP is in every Nashville Habitat home through the agency’s use of LP products, including OSB wall sheathing and TechShield® radiant barrier roof sheathing, which provide structural stability and significant energy savings (respectively) for homeowners. LP also offers a rebate program that provides these products at discount to NAHFH.

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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