

# Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

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Building Homes in Partnership with God's People in Need

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## **SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS, FAMILIES TO CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF LARGEST ALL-HABITAT COMMUNITY BUILT BY VOLUNTEERS**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (October 3, 2007) – In less than four years, volunteers have made dreams come true for 138 hard-working, low-income families in Nashville by building Habitat homes in Providence Park. Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity staff, board, sponsors, volunteers and families will celebrate the completion of this 43-acre neighborhood on Sunday, October 21, at 11:00 a.m.

Volunteers are nearing completion on the final 15 houses in the neighborhood, working every weekend since September 8, launching more homes each weekend. Construction continues October 6-7, 13-14 and 20<sup>th</sup>.

To look at it another way, Providence Park is a culmination of:

345,000 volunteer hours  
300,000 bottles of water  
144,900 sq feet of carpet and flooring  
96,600 sq feet of house wrap  
87,768 sq feet of insulation  
27,600 lbs of nails  
19,320 tons of gravel  
6,900 cubic yards of concrete  
5,520 walls  
5,106 gallons of paint  
1,656 doorknobs  
828 windows  
245 children's lives changed forever!

“When I think of where we started back in 2003, with nothing but our vision for a safe, thriving community, a lot of dirt, and nine concrete slabs in preparation for our Nine for Nashville build, I am in awe of what people of conscience – from all races and backgrounds, nationalities, and religions – can do when they work together to provide decent, affordable shelter for their neighbors in need,” said NAHFH president and CEO Chris McCarthy. “Any one of our thousands of volunteers or sponsors might have spent a day with us, four weekends, or four years, but all of them have helped change the lives of the 450 family members in Providence Park. The name of the neighborhood says it all; providence means both the guardianship and blessing of God and prudent care exercised in the management of resources. I am humbled and thankful for the 35,000 donors and volunteers in the Nashville community that made Providence Park possible. I am also very proud of the 450 family members that live in Providence Park and had the courage to work hard to build a better life for their families. It has been an amazing and life changing experience for all of us.”

The last 15 houses' sponsors and homeowners are listed below:

Westminster Presbyterian Build for Cherrie Underwood  
Square D/Schneider Electric Build for Kelly Meguiar  
First Baptist Church Build for Hanna Abebe  
Interfaith Build for Araz & Parwin Faraj  
First Presbyterian Build for Brandi Boyd  
Music Row Build for LaTashia Anderson  
Unity Build for Ramona Hamilton  
Schrader Lane Church of Christ & Family of God at Woodmont Hills Build for Nicole Doss  
St. George's Episcopal Build for Gwen Hereford  
Greased Lightning/CMA Build for JoAnnette Mason-Smith  
Nationwide Build for Samir and Waheda Saeed  
West End United Methodist Church Build for Deldar Mohammed and Bayan Barwari  
Fall Community Build for Charles Hall

Presbyterian Community Build for Aghmeer, Momay and Shaban Ibrahim  
The Cathedral Build for Melad & Neven Nagib

**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 (4663) or visit [www.habitatnashville.org](http://www.habitatnashville.org).



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