

# 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 FOR HUMANITY SETS NEW RECORD FOR HOME BUILDS IN ONE YEAR**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (November 20, 2007) – When Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity dedicated Katherine Smith's home, sponsored by Meharry Medical Center, on Sunday, November 18, at 1:00 p.m., the agency set a new record for the number of homes built in one year.

Since March, NAHFH and its sponsors and volunteers have built 40 homes for purchase by hard-working, low-income families in Middle Tennessee. Additionally, the agency has contributed funds to build 15 homes overseas in 2007.

This record is impressive when compared with house production figures as recently as 1990, when the agency built two homes locally. House production increased dramatically over recent years, with 55 homes built for more than 180 family members in 2007.

NAHFH has consistently ranked in the top one percent of all Habitat for Humanity affiliates, using several key measurements, including annual house production and families served.

"Setting the record is exciting, but none of this would be possible without the outstanding generosity of our thousands of Middle Tennessee volunteers and donors. And their hard work has truly added value. The success is best seen in the growth of our Habitat partner families. They are testament to the fact that our strategy for breaking the cycle of poverty for our partner families is working," said NAHFH president and CEO Chris McCarthy. "So we strive to build as many decent, affordable homes as we can, in partnership with families educated through our HomeWORKS classes who can count on each other to protect their investments. And it is making a lasting difference in these families' lives and on our community."

### **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. In 2007, more than 1,100 family members, including 750 children are 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 (4663) or visit [www.habitatnashville.org](http://www.habitatnashville.org).



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