

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

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Building Homes in Partnership with God's People in Need

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HABITAT HOMESTORES' SALES MAKE SOS TRAINING HOUSE POSSIBLE

- WHO:** Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity's supervisors on site (SOSs), including 50 new recruits
- Supervisors on site provide hands on leadership during the construction of the houses, while working with family partners and sponsor volunteers.
- WHAT:** The SOS Training House Build, funded by sales from the Habitat HomeStores
- (This is the fifth house in five years funded by The Habitat HomeStores and is the first construction in Timberwood.)
- WHERE:** Timberwood, the agency's second all-Habitat model affordable housing community, where the goal is to build 112 houses to complete the neighborhood in 2010. Volunteers will build 45 homes this year in Middle Tennessee.
- From I-24:** Follow I-24 West to Briley Parkway East, Exit 43. Exit at Briley Parkway East. Stay right and exit on Brick Church Pike. Turn right onto Brick Church Pike going north. Turn right on Masonwood Drive. Turn left on Moorewood Drive. Turn right on Rainwood Drive.
- From I-40:** Follow I-40 West to Briley Parkway East, Exit 215. Exit at Briley Parkway North. Stay right and exit on Brick Church Pike. Turn right onto Brick Church Pike going north. Turn right on Masonwood Drive. Turn left on Moorewood Drive. Turn right on Rainwood Drive.
- WHEN:** Saturdays and Sundays, Feb. 9-10, 16-17, 23-24
7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- (This home will be built in six days rather than the usual eight and will be used as a place to host informational tours from February-November 2008. This home will be sold to a qualified Habitat family in December 2008.)
- WHY:** For new and veteran supervisors on site (SOSs), 2008 is an exciting year full of new challenges and rewards as they begin building the first homes in Timberwood. In order to familiarize experienced SOSs with the new home designs and teach new SOSs the ropes, the Habitat HomeStores have funded an SOS Training House. This is the fifth house funded by the HomeStores in five years of operation. The SOS Training House will be complete February 24 and will be used as a model home from February-November 2008 as the others are being built.
- NOTES:** Just as no two Habitat partner families are exactly the same, not every piece of property is the same. The lot shapes on our second all-Habitat community, Timberwood, are narrow and deep. To date, most of the Nashville Area Habitat houses have been designed for wider and shallower lots. Therefore, none of the current floor plans would directly relate to the new lot shapes. Architects at Gresham, Smith and Partners volunteered to redesign plans that would maximize the space and create a beautiful community. The challenge was to develop floor plan layouts that meet the Habitat guidelines for square footage and number of rooms, fit the lot shapes and provide a livable environment. The exterior style of the houses will be cottage/bungalow and will feature covered front porches.

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 and own 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. This year, NAFHH plans to build 45 homes in Middle Tennessee. The agency built a record 55 homes in 2007 - 40 locally and 15 abroad. In 2007, more than 1,100 family members, including 750 children, were served by NAFHH. 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 \$500 per month, including taxes and insurance. NAFHH builds ENERGY STAR Certified energy efficient homes. To request an application or to receive more information about NAFHH, call 615-254-HOME (4663) or visit www.habitatnashville.org.



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