

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

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Building Homes in Partnership with God's People in Need

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DICKSON VOLUNTEERS TO BUILD A HABITAT HOME FOR A FAMILY IN NEED *CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON MAY 3*

DICKSON, Tenn. [April 30, 2008] – Volunteers from the Dickson division of Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity will gather on **May 3 at 7:30 a.m.** to begin construction on a Habitat home at 128 Silver Leaf Circle, in Maple Valley Subdivision.

Construction will take place on Saturdays and Sundays for three weekends in a row: May 3-4, 10-11, 17-18. Day 2 of the build – May 4 – is sponsored by Lowe's Women's Build. All volunteers that day will be women. May 4 – 10 is National Women Build Week, a national program underwritten by Lowe's in partnership with Habitat for Humanity International.

The Dickson Division of Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity would like to thank the following sponsors for making this home possible:

- Tennsco
- Lowe's Women's Build
- Sam's Wholesale Club of Bellevue
- General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Dickson County Women's Club
- TriStar Bank
- Wal-Mart of Dickson
- Dickson First United Methodist Church, Fellowship Sunday School Class
- Greater Nashville Association of Realtors (GNAR)
- Dickson Ministerial Association
- Dickson Civitan Club
- FirstBank of Dickson
- Charlotte-Fagan United Methodist Church

About the need in Dickson County

Today, more than 10 percent of the Dickson population lives in poverty, and 13 percent of Dickson children are living in poverty. There are 3,000 families in Dickson with annual incomes between \$15,000 and \$25,000 who are not able to afford the fair market rent of \$506 monthly. The Tennessee fair housing wage is \$11.04 per hour or \$22,963/year, and this is what it takes to afford a two-bedroom rental unit at fair market rate. Those who pay too much for housing have little disposable income left for education, healthcare, childcare and food. Only 65 percent of the need for subsidized housing is being met in Dickson and more than 350 families are on the waiting list for Section 8 homes.

To contact the Dickson Division of Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity call 615-441-9967, or visit them at the agency's office, located at 204 North Main Street Suite #14 in the Ragan Arcade.

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 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 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 \$500 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.



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