

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

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Building Homes in Partnership with God's People in Need

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PROCEEDS OF DICKSON FIDDLERS CONTEST AND FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL WILL BENEFIT KIWANIS CLUB AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

DICKSON, Tenn. (June 16, 2008) -- The Kiwanis Club of Dickson County and Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity's Dickson Division will be able to serve more families in need, thanks to proceeds from the Dickson Fiddlers Contest and Family Fun Festival, June 26 - 28. The festival brings some of the state's best musicians -- and the best barbecue cooks -- to the Dickson County Fairgrounds to compete. It's an exciting three-day event the whole family can enjoy.

The festival kicks off Thursday night with a concert benefiting Nashville Area Habitat's Dickson Division. Neil Brock and Peter Swadley (appeared on Fox's "Next Great Band" Competition) and the TelluRide Band, which is featured in country music publications *Gone Country* and *Country Weekly*, will perform. Gates open at 6 p.m., and the concert starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15; children 12 and younger admitted free. (Tickets available at TriStar Bank, Dickson Division of Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity Office, West End Consignment and at the gate.)

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity's Dickson Division will use funds from the festival to build more homes for purchase by hardworking, low-income families in Dickson. Last month, volunteers and sponsors built a home for Roxanne Cox, and the agency purchased land for four more homes in the Maple Valley subdivision on which volunteers will build affordable homes for low-income families.

The Kiwanis Club will allocate its funds from the festival to buy car seats for families who cannot afford them, give scholarships to local high school seniors, provide Christmas to children, and fund various other programs that benefit children.

For more information, please call Lisa Beard-Harris at 615-218-4812 at Kiwanis or Chris Greene at 615-441-9967 at Habitat for Humanity. For more info, check out the Dickson Fiddlers and Family Fun Festival webpage at www.dicksonfiddlerscontest.com.

Event Schedule is as follows:

Thursday, June 26

6:00 p.m. Gates Open

6:45 p.m. Salute to Veterans

7:00 p.m. Concert Starts

Friday, June 27

6:00 p.m. Gates Open

6:45 p.m. Salute to Veterans

7:00 p.m. Country/bluegrass concert featuring Highland Rim, One Way Street, and Autumn Strings

Tickets are \$6.00, available at the gate. Children 12 and younger admitted free.

Saturday, June 28

8:30 a.m. Gates Open

10:00 a.m. Fiddler's Contest starts

4:30 p.m. Barbecue Cook-off Awards Ceremony at Greer Building

Food will be available throughout the day.

Tickets are \$10.00, available at the gate. Children 6 and younger admitted free.

Saturday activities also include:

KCBS Tennessee State BBQ Championship

Car & Truck Show & Shine

Gnash with the Nashville Predators from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Living History Area with Blacksmiths, Soap Making, Candle Making and more
Antique Tractor Display
Kid's fun area with inflatables and rides
Face painting and more

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. To date, more than 1,200 family members, including 800 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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