

# Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

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Building Homes in Partnership with God's People in Need

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## **Local Grocer Helps Build Homes and Hope**

Chappell's Cee Bee Stores launched "Habitat for Humanity Appreciation Month" on June first. Proceeds from the fund drive will help build homes in Dickson County with the Dickson Division of Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity. Customers who shop in Dickson, White Bluff, Pomona and at the new store in McEwen can donate amounts between \$1 and \$5 at the check-out. Donor's names will be posted on the store window on a little house with the Habitat logo.

"The idea evolved at a meeting with Chappell management," said Chris Greene, Habitat's development and volunteer manager for the Dickson Division. "Phil Chappell, owner, and Mike McGuire, general manager of Chappell's, as well as the managers of all four stores, wanted to help somehow, and we all agreed that this was the best way to do it. It gives even more people the opportunity to participate. We are thankful to Chappell's for all their support." One of Chappell's long-time employees, Roxanne Cox, partnered with Habitat to build a home for her family in May.

As the economy tightens, the Dickson Division encourages more families to apply for a new Habitat home in Dickson County and for the agency's new ReBuild program. "ReBuild offers zero-percent loans and trained staff and volunteers to complete needed repairs for low-income homeowners," said Marsha Hudgens, family services director for the Dickson Division. "Financing at 0% interest and buy-down grants make homeownership and home repairs affordable. Every family who qualifies for either program says they didn't think they would qualify, but they applied anyway. My advice is, don't disqualify yourself, and apply anyway." Questionnaires and instructions for both programs are available outside the Dickson office in the Ragan Arcade any time the Arcade is open. For information, call 441-9967.

## **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 615-441-9967 or visit [www.habitatnashville.org](http://www.habitatnashville.org).

