

DICKSON DIVISION ANNOUNCES GOLF TOURNAMENT, CONCERT **Habitat invites community to play all day, party at night**

DICKSON, Tenn. (September 18, 2008) – The Dickson division of Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity has announced two fund-raising events for next month: October 6 is the GNAR Golf Tournament at Greystone Golf Club, and October 17 is the first annual Silent Auction and Concert at The Renaissance Center in Dickson.

The golf tournament on October 6 is a scramble with a shotgun start beginning at noon. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. The cost to play is \$350 per team or \$75 per player, and the deadline for registration is September 29. For more information call Megan Moore at 615-254-7516 or email her at meganm@gnar.org.

The concert on October 17, sponsored by "Hiscall Inc." will feature the country band Restless Heart, which has numerous #1 hits such as "I'll Still Be Loving You," "That Rock Won't Roll," "The Bluest Eyes in Texas," and "Dancy's Dream." The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. in the concert hall of The Renaissance Center. Restless Heart is celebrating 25 years of pure silk harmony that produced 10 albums and many chart-topping singles, listed on their website at www.restlessheartband.com.

Fans from as far away as South Carolina are snapping up \$50 VIP tickets for priority seating and a personal meet-and-greet and dinner with the band before the concert, but even general admission tickets promise a good seat and great entertainment. Tickets are available in advance from the Dickson Division office of Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity, all TriStar bank locations, and the Dickson Apothecary for \$15. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$20 each.

"We're excited about having one of the greatest country bands of all time helping to build more homes for hardworking families in Dickson," said Chris Greene, development and volunteer manager for the Dickson division of Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity.

The silent auction will take place all day October 17 in the Rotunda of the Renaissance Center, beginning at 8:45 a.m. Silent Auction items will be available for bid until 15 minutes after the concert ends (approximately 8:45 p.m.). Thousands of dollars worth of merchandise will be available for bid, including vacations, restaurant gift certificates, sports memorabilia, hotel stays, Grand Ole Opry tickets, golf packages, and tickets to many more attractions. There is no cost to attend the silent auction.

Three new Nashville Area Habitat partner families who have been selected to build with Habitat in Dickson will help host the festivities. Dorothy Hodges, whose home will be built in three weekends this November, is a widow whose family has lived in Dickson County for three generations. Dorothy retired from NHC but has been so inspired by working with Habitat that she wants to go back to work part-time. Amy Blaylock and Amy Davidson are scheduled to build in May of 2009 if funds are available. Ms. Blaylock works at Dickson EyeHealth Center and Ms. Davidson works at Check Into Cash. All three have been in HomeWORKS classes at least two nights a week since late July, while completing outside class assignments, community service and budgeting with individual coaches.

For more information, please contact Chris Greene at 615-441-9967, or email him at cgreene@habitatnashville.org.

About Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity (NAHFH)

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. By December, Nashville Area Habitat will have built 55 homes in 2008 -- 40 locally and 15 abroad. Since 2007, all Nashville Area Habitat homes have been ENERGY STAR compliant for energy efficiency, earning the agency the ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year award in 2008. By 2010, the agency will be building to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards. To date, the agency has served more than 1,200 family members, including 800 children. 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. To request an application or to receive more information about NAHFH, call 615-254-HOME (4663) or visit www.habitatnashville.org. For information on Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity go to www.hud.gov/offices/fheo or call the local HUD office at (615) 736-5600.

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