

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

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VOLUNTEERS DEDICATE 12 HOMES, INCLUDING NAHFH'S 425th FALL FEST TO FOLLOW

NASHVILLE, Tenn. [October 9, 2009] – On **Sunday, October 11, at 1 p.m.**, 37 family members will celebrate the completion of their 12 Nashville Area Habitat homes, thanks to many generous sponsors and approximately 3,000 volunteers who helped build them. Nearly 40 churches and faith organizations participated in this build along with the Habitat HomeStores, local businesses, corporations, schools and universities. Nashville Area Habitat staff, board members, partner families and volunteers will gather at 1 p.m. on Sunday for an opening program and then break into groups for ribbon cutting ceremonies for each home. At that time, families receive keys and framed copies of their mortgage agreements.

At **3 p.m.** more than 220 family members from Timberwood and from Habitat homes in the adjacent Rainwood community are invited to gather in Timberwood Park for the annual **Fall Fest**, complete with games, music, and festival fare.

This build is the last one in Davidson County for calendar year 2009. Among the 12 homes is the 425th Nashville Area Habitat home built since the organization's founding in 1985. Westminster Presbyterian Church sponsored this home.

Homes to be dedicated on Sunday are:

Sponsor	Family Partner
Bank of America/Merrill Lynch	LaSha Tate
Unity Build	Monique Gardner
Westminster Presbyterian Church	Dondrea Thompson
Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, PLLC and LifePoint Hospitals	Maged Mikhail & Nessereen Kallini
Habitat HomeStores	Nekia Green
Habitat HomeStores	Nakia Robinson
Presbyterian Community / First Baptist Goodlettsville / Challenge House	Yor Yowin and Martha Ading
Youth United/ Challenge House	Neshelle Thaxton
Fall Community Build	Timothy Gistover
First Presbyterian Church Nashville	LaQuinta Pointer
West End United Methodist Church / Challenge House	Danielle Morrison
Belmont Church / Challenge House	Teya Kergo & Yasmeen Teya

About Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity (NAHFH)

NAHFH is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization committed to providing people with the life-changing opportunity to purchase and own quality, affordable homes. The agency consistently ranks in the top one percent of all Habitat affiliates. Nashville Area Habitat built 60 homes in 2008 -- 42 locally and 18 abroad. The agency rebuilt seven homes in 2008 in addition to the new construction. 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 and 2009 from EPA and HUD. In 2009 the agency won national recognition with the 2009 HOPE Leadership Award. To date, the agency has served more than 1,400 family members, including 900 children. Prior to becoming homeowners, Habitat partner families must complete up to 470 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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