

# Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

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## **APRIL 18 IS A DAY OF CELEBRATION FOR SIX NEW HOMEOWNERS, PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL DONOR APPRECIATION AWARDS**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. [March 30, 2010] – Sunday, April 18, marks a day of celebration for Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity for several reasons, including:

- ❖ Nashville Area Habitat's **donor appreciation event** is that day, at which time the agency will honor its donors and present the Golden Hammer Award, the Spirit of Habitat Award, the Habitat Humanitarian Award and the Help Build It Award. **The event runs from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., April 18, in Timberwood.**
  - **The Golden Hammer Award** is presented to a corporate sponsor and volunteer group that have shown exceptional commitment to help further Nashville Area Habitat's mission. This year, the award will be presented to Nissan North America, a company that has partnered with Habitat internationally, building homes across the United States, donating Titan trucks, and supporting the Jimmy & Rosalyn Carter Work Project. Nissan will build its fourth Nashville Area Habitat home in May. Fred Standish, who serves on Nashville Area Habitat's board of directors, relocated to Nashville with Nissan and is recently retired.
  - **The Spirit of Habitat Award** is presented to a faith organization partner that has established a valuable and long-standing covenant with Nashville Area Habitat. This year, the award will be presented to St. Stephen Catholic Community for its generous financial contributions and countless volunteer hours, spanning seven years. The church has helped build nine houses in Middle Tennessee. St. Stephen's work with Nashville Area Habitat began in 2003, when the congregation volunteered for the Catholic Coalition Build. In 2006, the congregation decided to contribute 10 percent of its "Growing in Spirit" campaign to build six Habitat homes, three in Nashville and three in Wilson County. St. Stephen began its third full-sponsorship Nashville Area Habitat home March 20.
  - **The Habitat Humanitarian Award** is presented to an organization or individual that has demonstrated remarkable vision and leadership through philanthropic support and/or distinguished volunteer service. This year's award goes to recently retired Bridgestone CEO Mark Emkes for his generous contributions of time, financial support and leadership on Nashville Area Habitat's advisory board. Emkes created the first Bridgestone build in 2004, which led to an annual partnership, creating seven homes for deserving families. The Bridgestone Foundation was a partner along with Mark in the agency's *Crossing the Threshold Campaign*.
  - **The Help Build It Award** is new this year, presented to an individual or group that has provided creative and innovative leadership in support of furthering and sustaining the Habitat mission. This newly created award goes to the Joe C. Davis Foundation for its innovative vision and leadership in establishing the Habitat HomeStore operation, which has assisted the agency in its mission to help low-income families pursue the dream of homeownership by funding 15 homes in six years of operation. The Joe C. Davis foundation also funded the expansion of the agency's HomeWORKS program, quadrupling the capacity of classroom space to accommodate more courses and more families.

"We are so happy to host our donors and honor them in the very place where their contributions make a tremendous difference for hardworking families in Nashville," said Nashville Area Habitat president and CEO Chris McCarthy. "Our Habitat neighborhoods would not be possible without their incredible generosity."

- ❖ Also on Sunday, six more families will receive keys to the homes they helped build and purchase in Timberwood. Details related to the sponsors and homeowners appear below.

**Sponsors**

- St. Stephen Catholic Community
- LP Corporation/Tennessee Titans
- Bridgestone Americas Inc.
- U.S. Dept. of Labor/YouthBuild USA/  
YMCA of Middle Tennessee
- Woodmont Christian Church, First  
Tennessee and CABLE, Stansell  
Electric Company Inc. and Habitat  
Challenge House
- Spring Community Build  
Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP  
Fiberweb Inc., Ingram Entertainment Inc.  
KPMG, Woodmont Baptist Church

**Homeowners**

- The Viateur and Marceline Sibomana family
- The Kimberly Jones-Khalil family
- The Judy Sims family
- The Hanna Ebeid and Heba Awad family
  
- The Sheoka Anthony family
  
- The Chatika Sharfner family

**Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity (NAHFH)** is an ecumenical Christian ministry that provides the life-changing opportunity for people to purchase and own quality, affordable homes. In its 26-year history, Nashville Area Habitat has built more than 600 homes, including 182 overseas. To date, the agency has served more than 1,450 family members, including more than 930 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 before purchasing their homes. To request an application or to receive more information about NAHFH, call 615-254-HOME (4663) or visit [www.habitatnashville.org](http://www.habitatnashville.org). For information on Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity go to [www.hud.gov/offices/fheo](http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo) or contact the local HUD office.



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