

Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity

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FIVE FAMILIES TO RECEIVE KEYS TO NEW HOMES THEY PURCHASED

Among new Timberwood residents is Goodwill associate Jennifer Cummins

NASHVILLE, Tenn. [June 10, 2010] – On Sunday, June 13, at 1:00 p.m., five hardworking families will celebrate the completion of the new Habitat homes they purchased in Timberwood with dedication ribbon cutting ceremonies. (For directions, please visit <http://www.habitatnashville.org/communities/timberwood-directions.php>.)

Nashville Area Habitat house sponsors, volunteers, staff and board members will join in the celebration for the following:

Sponsors	Families
Lowe's/Mitsui USA/Habitat Challenge House	Cassandra Newborn-McGruder Family
First Presbyterian Church - Nashville	Kenedi Kabavamwo and Yuriana Mukandoli Family
Greater Nashville Association of REALTORS®/Habitat Challenge House	Errika Brown Family
Summer Community Build (Regions Bank, Panera Bread, Nashville Rollergirls, Ingram Entertainment, Sara DeVene)	Suleiman Islow and Faduma Mugne Family
Pilot Travel Centers/Habitat Challenge House	Jennifer Cummins Family

Among the families who have purchased these new homes is **Jennifer Cummins**, receptionist at Goodwill Industries. Her home was sponsored by **Pilot Travel Centers** and an anonymous donor. Cummins applied for Habitat homeownership after taking a Pre-Purchase Homebuyer Education course offered to Goodwill associates and taught by certified THDA Homebuyer Education Trainers in Nashville Area Habitat's *Beyond Our Walls* family education program. For Cummins, it was a big step in her journey to homeownership.

Typically offered to partner families enrolled in Habitat programs, the off-site course at Goodwill was an outreach initiative to extend educational opportunities "beyond the walls" of Nashville Area Habitat. The class covered financial management, understanding credit, getting a mortgage loan, shopping for a home, and maintaining a home.

"The partnership with Habitat for Humanity is a good fit for Goodwill's employees and clients," said Suzanne Kay-Pittman, Goodwill's public relations and communications manager. "More than 50 of our employees took part in the program. We are equally excited that Jennifer will soon have a home through the partnership." After the course at Goodwill, Cummins applied for and was accepted to Habitat's homeownership program.

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. As of April 2010, Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity has built 438 homes in Nashville for more than 1,500 family members, including more than 950 children. 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 contact the local HUD office.



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