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MEMPHIS HABITAT DEDICATES FIVE NEW "GREEN" HOMES THIS WEEKEND

Memphis, Tenn. – This weekend, five more deserving Memphis-area families will have a place to call "home" for the first time, as Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis celebrates the completion of five new "green" homes in the Binghampton neighborhood. A sixth home will be dedicated on May 13.

All six homes meet MLGW's EcoBUILD standards. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis is also pursuing LEED® Gold certification on the homes.

LEED® Gold certification is the U.S. Green Building Council's second-highest rating, and is awarded based on water efficiency, indoor environmental quality, innovation/design, site sustainability, energy/atmosphere, locations/linkages, awareness/education and materials/resources.

The dedication ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday. All sponsors, volunteers and friends are invited to attend. Cake and drinks will be provided for all guests, and activities will be available for children. *Maps are available on the Memphis Habitat homepage at www.memphishabitat.com.*

The Habitat Spring 2009 Building Blitz started on Friday, March 13. Spring home sponsors include include Askew Nixon Ferguson Architects, American Institute of Architects, Baptist Memorial Health Care, Balmoral Presbyterian Church, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Cargill, Bolton High School, Church of the Holy Spirit, Church of the Holy Apostles, Cummins, Inc., Faith Christian Church, Engineers Without Borders, Germantown High School, Germantown Presbyterian Church, Germantown United Methodist Church, Hilton Hotels Corporation, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Home Depot Foundation, Houston High School, Idlewild Presbyterian Church, International Paper, Johnson Bryce, Living Hope Church, Medtronic, Memphis Area Master Gardeners, Memphis Federation of Temple Youth, Memphis Health Careers Academy, MLGW EcoBUILD, New Foundation Baptist Church, Northwest Airlines, Pfizer, Renasant Bank, Regions Bank, Running Pony Productions, Square D, State Farm Insurance, St. Agnes Academy, St. George's Independent School – Germantown, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Thomas & Betts, University of Memphis, Wright Medical Technology, Whirlpool and Yale Lock.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing. Memphis Habitat has built 324 homes since its founding in 1983. Habitat houses are built with volunteer labor and sold to partner families, at no profit and with no interest charged. Partner families make a down payment and invest hundreds of hours of "sweat equity" into the construction of their homes and other Habitat homes.

For more information about this or other Habitat for Humanity initiatives, please contact Crystel Hardin, communications and events coordinator, at 901.761.4771, ext. 210 or at chardin@memphishabitat.com.

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