



Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis Fact Sheet

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing from Memphis and surrounding areas, while making decent, affordable shelter for all of God's people a matter of conscience and action.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis:

- Opened for business in 1983.
- Has built 325 homes in partnership with families in need.
- Receives support from individuals, businesses, community groups and faith-based organizations that provide the tax-deductible donations of money, land and materials to make the work possible.
- Builds *alongside* those who demonstrate a willingness to partner with Habitat. Partner families make a \$1,000 down payment, invest 350 hours of "sweat equity" labor into the homes and attend 15 weeks of financial and basic home maintenance training classes. Their monthly payments on a no-interest, no-profit mortgage go into a revolving Fund for Humanity which helps pay for the construction of more Habitat homes and daily operating expenses.
- Functions as its own independent 501(c)(3) organization and does all of its own fundraising.

Fall Build Facts:

- Habitat will construct six new homes by the end of November 2009.
- Habitat will begin work on two of the homes on Friday, September 11.
- Four of the homes will be located on Pershing Avenue in the Binghampton neighborhood, and two of the homes will be located on Haas Avenue in the Nehemiah neighborhood (see attached maps for directions).
- Habitat has partnered with Askew Nixon Ferguson Architects and the American Institute of Architects.
- All homes will be certified by MLGW's EcoBUILD program.
- A full home sponsorship is \$60,000. Other sponsorship levels are as follows: \$30,000, \$15,000, \$8,000, \$4,000 and \$2,000. Volunteer slots are assigned according to sponsorship level.
- Delta Air Lines, FedEx, ServiceMaster and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans are sponsoring full homes this fall (see press release for complete list of sponsors).

For more information about Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis, please contact Kimberly Dwayne Spencer, executive director, at 761.4771 or visit www.memphishabitat.com.