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## **MEMPHIS HABITAT MARKS 25 YEARS WITH FRIDAY HOME BUILD GROUNDBREAKING**

**Memphis, Tenn.** – Sponsors, volunteers, homeowners and staff from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis will join forces Friday and Saturday for the groundbreaking of six new homes. The spring home build will also serve as the kickoff for the affiliate’s year-long 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

“With the completion of this spring’s build, our affiliate, along with countless sponsors and volunteers, will have built 310 homes for deserving Memphis families over the past 25 years,” said Dwayne Spencer, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis. “We could not have reached this historic milestone without the continued support and tremendous generosity of our community.”

Construction on five homes starts at 7:30 a.m. this Friday and Saturday. Three of the sites are located on Tully Street, and two are in Northaven.

This weekend’s volunteers will be responsible for building the majority of the framing and roofing. As part of a new program, classes will be taught on site to help volunteers learn how to properly hang windows and doors.

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Construction will resume March 29 and will continue every Saturday until May 3. Work will begin on the sixth home, sponsored by FedEx, in the coming weeks. All six home dedications are scheduled for Saturday, May 10.

Home sponsors include Accredo Health IT Department, Allenberg Cotton Company, Bolton High School, Cargill, Cordova High School, Craigmont High School, Cummins Inc., Cummins Mid-South, FedEx, First Assembly Christian School, Germantown Presbyterian Church, Germantown United Methodist Church, Hilton Hotels Corporation, Houston High School, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, International Paper, Medtronic, Running Pony Productions, State Farm Insurance, St. Patrick Presbyterian Church, Tennessee Housing Development Agency, Tennessee Valley Authority, White Station High School and Wright Medical Technology.

For more information about the spring home build or other Habitat for Humanity initiatives, please contact Jeff Capps, director of community relations, at 901-497-7022 or at [jcapps@memphishabitat.com](mailto:jcapps@memphishabitat.com). For maps to the build sites, please contact Crystel Hardin at 901-761-4771, ext. 210.

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### **About Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis**

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing. Memphis Habitat has built 304 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, please visit [www.memphishabitat.com](http://www.memphishabitat.com).