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**MEMPHIS HABITAT LAUNCHES ITS LARGEST BUILD OF THE YEAR WITH FRIDAY
GROUNDBREAKING**

Memphis, Tenn. – Sponsors, volunteers, homeowners and staff from Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis will begin construction on eight new homes this Friday and Saturday. The build continues Habitat’s year-long 25th anniversary celebration, which started in March during the spring build.

“For the past 25 years, Habitat has partnered with corporations, small businesses, faith-based groups, and many other individuals and organizations throughout our community to build homes with deserving families,” said Dwayne Spencer, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis. “Because of their generous support, Habitat will dedicate its 318th house this fall as we prepare for another 25 years of building hope and changing lives.”

Construction on the eight homes starts at 7:30 a.m. this Friday and Saturday. The homes are located in the Northaven community on Chantilly, Corkwood and Chesterton Cove.

This weekend’s volunteers will be responsible for the majority of the framing and roofing. Habitat volunteers receive all training and building supplies on-site.

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Construction will continue every Saturday until Oct. 25. The home dedication ceremony is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Oct. 25.

Home sponsors include FedEx, ServiceMaster, GI Center of the Mid-South, Memphis Area Association of REALTORS®, Memphis Mortgage Bankers Association, Northwest Airlines, Hilton Hotels Corporation, Germantown United Methodist Church, Valero Memphis Refinery, GE, Cummins Mid-South, LLC, CB Richard Ellis, FedEx Supply Chain Services, Rhodes College, Thomas & Betts, Ford Motor Company, Germantown Presbyterian Church, Shady Grove Presbyterian Church, Cordova Presbyterian Church, St. Ann Catholic Church, Bank of America, Innovative Financial Group, Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Forest Hill Community Church, MCR Safety, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans West TN-Northwest MS Chapter, Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Christ Lutheran Church Arlington, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church, Epiphany Lutheran Church, Faith-Collierville Lutheran Church, Grace Celebration Lutheran Church, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Living Word Lutheran Church, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Messiah Lutheran Church, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, St. Luke Lutheran Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, Conwood Company, MGM MIRAGE Voice Foundation, Scripps Howard Foundation, Regions Bank, MLGW EcoBUILD, Xerox, Whirlpool, Square D and the Home Depot Foundation.

For more information about the fall 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.

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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 310 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.

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