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Home Builders and Habitat to Dedicate New Home Tomorrow

Three-bedroom home was completed in less than two weeks

April 19, 2007 (Memphis, Tenn.) - The Memphis Area Home Builders Association (MAHBA) and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis will dedicate a new home Friday, April 20 at 2 p.m. The home is located at 1031 Shaw, just west of Lemoyne Owen College. Both builder and associate members of MAHBA have donated their labor and materials to complete the home, which started construction on April 9.

"The Memphis Area Home Builders Association has a strong relationship with Habitat for Humanity," said Jimmy Moore, MAHBA Board Member and Chairman of the Home Builders Care Committee. "We wanted to step up and do our part for the local Habitat group and they were very receptive to our involvement. If we can help move even one family closer to owning their own home, then we've accomplished the most important mission of the HBA. Our goal is to provide quality, affordable housing to families in all income brackets."

"Member support for this project has been unbelievable," said Moore. "As soon as our associate members heard we were considering doing this project, the phone started to ring with donations of labor and materials. We're proud to have such a strong sense of community involvement in our members."

"We've become more involved with Habitat in the last couple of years. In 2006, we built three homes in one week as part of the National Association of Home Builders 'Builders Blitz' event," said Chuck Chambers, of Chamberlain & McCreery and a member of the Home Builders Care Committee.

This Habitat build is called "The Jim Chambers Memorial Habitat Build." Jim Chambers is a former MAHBA Board member and co-chaired the first Home Builders Care Committee. Jim was on the committee when they built their first home for Habitat for Humanity and spent numerous hours supervising the construction of that home.

The Memphis Area Home Builders Association is the voice of the building industry, advancing home ownership through public policy, education, networking and professionalism in Shelby, Tipton and Fayette Counties.

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing. Memphis Habitat has built 286 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.

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