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## 50 Homes and Counting

*Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County marks the completion of its 50<sup>th</sup> home with a home dedication*

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SILVER SPRING, MD (March 3, 2010) – On March 13, 2010 Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, MD (HFH-MC) will celebrate the completion of their 50<sup>th</sup> home with a home dedication ceremony. Habitat for Humanity representatives will be on hand to answer questions from the community about our current and past projects and will provide home tours after the ceremony. County officials, volunteers, community members, and corporate sponsors are also expected to attend this milestone event.

HFH-MC was incorporated in 1982, where with the help of volunteers they were able to build roughly one home per year. In 2005, The Artery Group LLC, donated land in Burtonsville, MD that resulted in construction of 24 townhouses by HFH-MC. Then in 2009, HFH-MC began the rehabilitation of 13 vacant foreclosed houses in the Silver Spring area of MD. This project in partnership with Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) aims to revitalize older housing stock and provide housing for qualified low-income residents of Montgomery County. To date HFH-MC has completed 38 new construction homes and 12 rehabilitation projects, and they have provided over 220 individuals including 132 children with a safe and stable home in Montgomery County.

“We are so proud that we have been able to make the dream of homeownership come true for 50 families. We look forward to the next 50 homes and to contributing to the elimination of poverty housing in Montgomery County, MD” said John Paukstis, HFH-MC Executive Director.

Twenty eight years in the making, HFH-MC has been able to provide 50 homes to 50 families in need of simple, decent, affordable housing. For many children, it was the first time they had their own bedroom, rather than having to share with their parents and the first time they didn’t have to worry about unsafe and unsanitary conditions inside in addition to dangerous streets and neighborhoods outside. Homeownership has truly been the beginning of a new life for each family.

This event is free and open to the media. For more information or directions, please call 301-990-0014

Details of the event are as follows:

Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County  
50<sup>th</sup> Home Dedication  
Saturday, March 13, 2010  
2:00 to 3:00 pm  
3507 Farthing Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906

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**About Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, MD, Inc.**

HFH-MC is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Since 1982, Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County has been partnering with the community and low-income families living in substandard conditions, to build simple, decent, affordable housing. To date, HFH-MC has built or rehabilitated 50 homes for local families and has more homes in progress. HFH-MC supports the notion that good, stable housing matters for neighborhoods. Better quality of living leads to stronger citizens and families. Habitat for Humanity is about changing lives, one home at a time. Visit our website at [www.habitat-mc.org](http://www.habitat-mc.org)

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