

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Colleen Russell
Office Manager
301-990-0014 ext. 10
colleen.russell@habitat-mc.org
January 19, 2010

Affordable Housing Organization Sees Growth Before the New Year

Five new board members were elected to the all volunteer Habitat Board

GAITHERSBURG, MD (January 19, 2010) – The board meeting held in July, September and November were met with new additions to Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, Maryland’s (HFH-MC) board of directors. These board meeting saw the additions of Don Harnois formerly of Forrester Construction Company, Henry Clark of Clark Title, Margaret Cromelin of Jones Lang LaSalle, Tony Gacek of the National Association of Home Builders and Nancy French-Gerlach of Document Imaging Brokers.

Don Harnois is a Certified Public Accountant with over 20 years of corporate finance and accounting experience. Mr. Harnois has been a long time volunteer with Habitat affiliates throughout the country including HFH-MC. He has been able to use his expertise as a member of HFH-MC’s finance committee to help ensure that the organization remains in good standing.

Henry Clark is the Sole and Managing Partner of Clarke Title, LLC, a full service residential and commercial title company. As an attorney, Mr. Clarke specializes in estate planning and has been involved in thousands of closings. Mr. Clark generously facilitates all of HFH-MC’s settlements and runs title searches on a pro bono basis.

Margaret Cromelin is the Vice President of Marketing for the Mid-Atlantic region of Jones Lang LaSalle. As VP of Marketing, Mrs. Cromelin leads development and execution of all marketing strategy for the region. Mrs. Cromelin began her involvement with HFH-MC in 2008 as a marketing consultant and volunteer for Habitat ReStore.

Tony Gacek is the Executive Director of the Building Systems Councils at the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). Prior to working for NAHB, Mr. Gacek worked in residential construction management where he was recognized for his outstanding customer service and project management. Mr. Gacek has volunteered with Habitat affiliates in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Nancy French-Gerlach is a Managing Partner with Document Imaging Brokers and has over 25 years of experience in managing and leading organization performance improvement. Mrs. French-Gerlach began volunteering with HFH-MC in 2009 as a finance volunteer and in 2010 she became involved with HFH-MC’s Women Build Committee.

“We are lucky to have such wonderfully talented people join our board. Each person will bring their own expertise to help us in the fight for affordable housing.” said John Paukstis, HFH-MC Executive Director.

About Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County

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 served more than 62 local families. 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

###