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## **Habitat steers families toward affordable housing with Cars for Homes™**

*HFH-MC utilizes vehicle donation program to support its mission*

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Gaithersburg, MD (Feb. 23, 2011) –Steering more low-income families toward affordable homeownership opportunities, Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, MD (HFH-MC) is “driving” community members to Habitat’s “Cars for Homes” vehicle donation program.

Cars for Homes™ takes donated cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, RVs and other vehicles, running or not, and sells them through automobile auctions, recyclers or salvage yards to raise funds that help build simple, decent homes in Montgomery County. Funds generated from vehicle sales benefit HFH-MC.

Montgomery County donors can call the Cars for Homes™ toll-free number or process their car donation online at [www.carsforhomes.org](http://www.carsforhomes.org). Donor contact, title and vehicle information is collected and, upon acceptance of the donation, arrangements are made for the vehicle, keys and title to be picked up for processing. HFH-MC receives over 80 percent of the sales proceeds after towing fees and other expenses. Donors receive an acknowledgement letter for their car donation and can check with the Internal Revenue Service or their tax advisor for information on the tax deductibility of their vehicle donation.

“I am always inspired when people donate their vehicle for low income families,” stated John Paukstis, Executive Director of HFH-MC, “It is an easy gift which will help build a home for deserving families in our community.”

HFH-MC is proud to participate in this program as one of its sustainable initiatives. Cars for Homes™ is a way to recycle your vehicle while giving back to a good cause. More information on how to donate a car, truck, boat, RV or other vehicle to help eliminate substandard housing in Montgomery County is available by calling Habitat for Humanity Cars for Homes™ at 1-877-277-HFHI (4344) toll free or online at [www.carsforhomes.org](http://www.carsforhomes.org). If you live outside of Montgomery County, but would still like funds from your donation to benefit HFH-MC, it is possible to designate your donation to HFH-MC with the zip code 20877.

### **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 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](http://www.habitat-mc.org)

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**About Cars for Homes™**

Cars for Homes™ is Habitat for Humanity's national vehicle donation program that provides donors a quick and easy process for donating cars, trucks, boats, RVs and other vehicles to help build homes in partnership with local low-income families in need of decent, affordable shelter.

[www.carsforhomes.org](http://www.carsforhomes.org)

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