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Habitat for Humanity International's Cars for Homes program reaches \$10 million milestone nationwide

Gaithersburg, MD (June 8, 2011) – Habitat for Humanity's Cars for Homes program has distributed more than \$10 million to Habitat affiliates nationwide.

The Cars for Homes program began in the state of Washington in November 2003 as a pilot program. In 2005, it was approved as a national program of Habitat for Humanity International. The Cars for Homes program was created specifically to assist Habitat affiliates by generating funding from the sale of donated vehicles. Revenue is distributed to affiliates based on the zip code of the donor.

Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, MD, Inc. (HFH-MC) has received \$111,403.48 in funding from the program, which has been used to help provide affordable housing options in partnership with local families.

"Cars for Homes has been an invaluable fundraising tool for our affiliate over the years," Executive Director, John Paukstis stated. "It gives our supporters another avenue by which they can support affordable homeownership and recycling in their community."

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.

More than 1,100 Habitat affiliates nationwide and five Habitat national offices around the world have received funding from the program.

"We are very pleased to have reached this major milestone with the Cars for Homes program," said Marcia Rundle, the director of the program. "Thanks to our generous donors, Habitat affiliates have been able to use the funds earned from the recycling of used and idle vehicles to help address affordable housing needs in their communities."

To learn more about Cars for Homes, go to <http://www.habitat.org/carsforhomes>.

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 93 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

About Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built, rehabilitated, repaired or improved 400,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 2 million people. For more information, or to donate or volunteer, visit Habitat.org.

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