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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY REACHES MILESTONE

400,000 homes built or repaired since 1976

Gaithersburg, MD (January 5, 2011) –Habitat for Humanity surpassed its 400,000 house milestone during its most recent fiscal year. Since the nonprofit organization was founded in 1976, its self-help, hand-up model has resulted in rehabbed, repaired or new housing for more than 2 million people worldwide.

In fiscal year 2010, Habitat for Humanity served a record 74,960 families worldwide through a combination of new construction, rehabilitation and repairs. Habitat also helped an additional 6,355 families establish legal rights to a house or land, and provided more than 46,964 individuals with technical assistance ranging from legal help to construction advice or training. By 2013, Habitat for Humanity hopes to assist 100,000 families worldwide annually with new or improved housing.

Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, Maryland, Inc. (HFH-MC) is part of this global effort. Since 1982, HFH-MC has built, rehabbed or repaired 57 houses.

HFH-MC is currently working in Montgomery County to renovate vacant, distressed homes as part of our Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). The benefit of the NRP to Montgomery County is to contribute to the rebirth and stabilization of neighborhoods that have experienced a high incidence of foreclosures. HFH-MC has also launched a Weatherization program with the goal of providing free basic weatherization services to increase energy efficiency in the home. The Weatherization program aligns with HFH-MC's long term goals of serving more families and focusing on environmentally sustainable practices and programs. HFH-MC hopes to continue new construction and rehabilitations projects, while finding new and innovative ways to reach members of its community.

"HFH-MC is continuing its efforts to help families in need of simple, decent, affordable housing. We are happy to have helped Habitat for Humanity reach this important milestone in bettering communities across the country," said Executive Director, John Paukstis. "With continued support of our sponsors and volunteers, we'll address affordable housing needs in Montgomery County."

Habitat for Humanity celebrated its 300,000th home in 2008, its 200,000th home in 2005 and the 100,000th home in 2000.

By 2013, Habitat for Humanity hopes to assist 100,000 families worldwide annually with new or improved housing. A copy of Habitat for Humanity International's fiscal year 2010 annual report, "What We Build," is now available online at <http://www.habitat.org/support/report/default.aspx>. The report gives a snapshot of Habitat's work around the world.

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 built or rehabilitated more than 60 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

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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