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Applications Available for Habitat Homeownership

Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County To Hold Information Sessions For New Ownership Opportunities.

GAITHERSBURG, MD (November 19, 2008) - Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, MD (HfH-MC) announced today that they are accepting applications for homeownership opportunities in the Glenmont and Aspen Hill areas of Montgomery County. HfH-MC, in partnership with Montgomery County's Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA), will purchase foreclosed homes, rehabilitate them and provide approved applicants with an affordable long-term mortgage.

"Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County is delighted to partner with Montgomery County to rehabilitate vacant foreclosed properties and to provide simple, decent, and affordable housing for hard working residents of our county," said John Paukstis, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity for Montgomery County.

HfH-MC will be holding information sessions for interested applicants at 9110 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Information sessions are currently scheduled for Saturday, December 13 from 10:00a.m.-12noon and 2:00p.m.-4:00p.m. and on Saturday January 17 from 10:00a.m.-12noon and 2:00p.m.-4:00p.m. Additional session dates will be posted at www.habitat-mc.org/homeownership or 301-990-0014 x26 after the New Year.

Requirements for Habitat homeownership also include a demonstrated housing need, ability to pay a monthly mortgage, legal permanent U.S. residency, and a willingness to partner with Habitat throughout the homeownership process. Space is limited at the information session so all interested applicants must RSVP and reserve a space. Interested applicants can RSVP at www.habitat-mc.org/homeownership or at 301-990-0014 x15 or x18.

During the mandatory information sessions, prospective applicants will learn about HfH-MC's selection process and criteria. "At the end of each session, applications will be available. Once complete, the applications should be sent to the Habitat office for the review process," said Jessica Reid, Habitat for Humanity Director of Volunteer and Family Services.

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 and rehabilitated 43 homes for local families. HfH-MC is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International and is directed by an all volunteer Board of Directors.

To learn more about Habitat's homeownership opportunities, to volunteer, or to make a donation please visit their website at www.habitat-mc.org.

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