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## ***Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County Embarks on Maple Hill A 19-Townhome Community in Gaithersburg, Maryland***

GAITHERSBURG, MD (JANUARY 17, 2012) — As we mark our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, MD, Inc. (HFH-MC) is pleased to announce its first new construction project in more than four years - Maple Hill Townhome Community in Gaithersburg, MD. In December 2011, HFH-MC purchased 2.9 acres of land on Emory Grove Road in the City of Gaithersburg. Maple Hill will consist of 19 townhomes that will be home to local families in need of simple, decent, affordable housing. Site preparation is occurring now and groundbreaking is planned for March 2012. Each three story townhome will have three bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, and a garage on the ground level.

“Montgomery County is one of the most affluent counties in the country, making it almost impossible for low-income families to find affordable homes in a stable environment,” said John Paukstis, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, MD, Inc. “We’re pleased that the City of Gaithersburg has opened its doors to us. This is more than just a development, we’re hoping to lay the foundation of a community where families can thrive in a stable, healthy environment.”

HFH-MC is currently hosting information sessions in January and February on how to purchase one of the 19 affordable townhomes in our Maple Hill Community in Gaithersburg. More information on program eligibility and information session dates can be found at [www.habitat-mc.org/homeownership](http://www.habitat-mc.org/homeownership) or call 301-990-0014 x26. Household incomes ranging from \$38,196 to \$73,849, based upon household size, may be eligible.

Maple Hill is a unique opportunity for HFH-MC to build 19 townhomes simultaneously between now and the end of 2013. The surrounding neighborhood is well-established with access to schools, roads, and transportation. This makes us able to serve families in need while incorporating them into a stable community. The scope of this project will allow multiple opportunities for members of the community to get involved through volunteering. Thank you to Craftstar Homes for donating the house plans.

HFH-MC is excited about this opportunity to expand our affiliate and provide safe, affordable housing for even more families. We will need the continued support of the community to make this a reality. This includes corporations, faith groups and the community as a whole who can volunteer on the site or in our ReStore, help us find homeowner families, or contribute funds or in-kind donations. For more information on how to get involved, please visit our website at [www.habitat-mc.org](http://www.habitat-mc.org).

### About Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County

Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, MD, Inc. (HFH-MC) is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Since 1982, HFH-MC has partnered with the community and low-income families living in substandard conditions, to build simple, decent, affordable housing. To date, HFH-MC has served 94 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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