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Habitat Completes First Inter-Faith House

Thanks to congregations of Montgomery County, Habitat will dedicate their 57th home

GAITHERSBURG, MD (October 20, 2010) - On October 23rd, supporters, volunteers and staff of Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, Maryland (HFH-MC) will gather at the future home of the Woldegiorgis family to honor the hard work, generous financial contributions, and community support that made the rehabilitation of this home possible.

The newly rehabilitated home is the first completed as part of Phase II of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, through which HFH-MC purchases and rehabilitates vacant, foreclosed homes in Montgomery County. This home was also HFH-MC's first ever Inter-Faith house. As an inter-faith project, financial support and volunteers were drawn from congregations across Montgomery County.

This particular home was a result of a collaboration between the following congregations: Bethesda United Methodist Church, Church of the Resurrection, Colesville Presbyterian Church, Darnestown Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church of Wheaton, Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church, the Inter-Faith Chapel of Silver Spring, Lutheran Church of Saint Andrew, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, the Silver Spring United Methodist Cooperative Parish, St. Camillus Church, St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, St. Francis Episcopal Church, St. James Episcopal Church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, St. Rose of Lima Parish, and Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring. The Silver Spring United Methodist Cooperative Parish sponsored the house, donating over \$5,000 to building costs.

With HFH-MC's roots as an ecumenical organization, it has always looked to faith communities to support its mission of creating simple, decent, affordable housing for low-income families. Congregations gained from this relationship through discussions and learning opportunities between members of different faiths, while giving back to the larger community by empowering a low-income family to purchase their own home.

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This event is free and open to the media. For more information or directions, please call 301-990-0014.
Please RSVP at HFH-MC's Volunteer Hub at <http://tiny.cc/tejfp>

Details of the event are as follows:
Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County
Inter-Faith House Dedication Ceremony

Saturday, October 23, 2010
3:00 to 4:00pm
8305 Tahoma Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20903

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 56 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

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