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Local Housing Organization Welcomes New Board Members

*University of Maryland Professor and Yoga Instructor help Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County
Build Affordable Housing for Low-income Families*

GAITHERSBURG, MD (August 15, 2008) - On July 29, 2008 Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, Maryland (HfH-MC) elected two board members to its all volunteer board of directors. Jeff Hollingsworth and Jill Shaffer were the recipients of a unanimous vote made by the 15 member board.

“We are delighted to welcome Jeff Hollingsworth back from a year long sabbatical. Jeff’s breadth of knowledge regarding Habitat will be a great addition to our already prestigious board...Jill Shaffer is wonderful, she brings high energy and a fresh outlook to help with our fundraising and development team,” said John Paukstis, HfH-MC Executive Director.

Jeffery K. Hollingsworth is an Associate Professor at the University of Maryland Computer Science Department, and Electrical and Computer Engineering Department. Mr. Hollingsworth received his Ph.D. in Computer Sciences from the University of Wisconsin in 1994. Shortly after he began working as an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland and was promoted to Associate professor in 2000. Mr. Hollingsworth has been a long time supporter of HfH-MC and served as a board chair from 2005 to 2007. He also volunteers his time to help keep the HfH-MC office and staff running efficiently and effectively.

Jill Shaffer received her bachelor of Business Administration from Marymount University in 1997. During her undergraduate years, she supported herself working at the law firm of McDermott, Will & Emery, where she was an accounting specialist. Mrs. Shaffer is a tennis enthusiast, and has played for the Army Navy Country Club team for five consecutive years, and has co-chaired the sports section of the Maret Annual Auction for the past three years. After obtaining a yoga instructor certification in 2006, Mrs. Shaffer has been committed to the development of her yoga practice and personal instruction. She is held in high regard for her disciplined and empowered practice by both her colleagues and private clients.

About Habitat for Humanity

HfH-MC is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International; its goal is to reduce substandard housing by providing a **hand up** rather than a **hand out** to help low-income families realize the dream of homeownership.

HfH-MC is currently constructing the second set of a 24 townhome community in Burtonsville, Maryland. This is the first time HfH-MC has embarked on a project that will be a “community” of Habitat homeowners. This is a big step in our partnership with existing neighborhoods and families in Montgomery County.

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