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## Habitat for Humanity Celebrates Building on Faith Week

*Representatives from the faith community attend Prayer Breakfast and Interfaith Build*

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BURTONSVILLE, MD (September, 2008) - Each September, Habitat for Humanity International and local affiliates around the country celebrate their partnerships with the faith community during Building on Faith Week. Now in its 13th year, Building on Faith week urges individuals to come together in prayer for those in need of decent and affordable shelter. This year, Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, MD (HfH-MC) will celebrate Building on Faith Week by hosting a special Prayer Breakfast and Interfaith Build at the site of their new 24 townhome community in Burtonsville, Maryland.

Reflecting on the importance of the week, current Board Member and Faith Committee representative Sharon Kemmerer stated, "Building on Faith? That's how it all started! And what I love about Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County is that we continue to be faith in action. I'm really excited that HfH-MC has invited our faith-based community leaders to consciously recognize the faith 'engine' on which Habitat runs, and pause to give thanks during this focused week."

Local faith leaders and mission team leaders are scheduled to attend the Prayer Breakfast which will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 from 8:30 am – 9:30 am. Staff members will be on-hand to discuss Habitat's goals for mobilizing people of faith to provide affordable housing to low income families in Montgomery County. The Interfaith Build will follow on Thursday, September 18, 2008 and will also be held at the Burtonsville site. Helping to build a Habitat home is a clear expression of faith for people of many beliefs and constructive way to include diverse faith partners in a building project.

The goal for Building on Faith Week at HfH-MC is to honor our faith supporters for all their help in making our mission a reality and to provide the necessary opportunities to help stir more of the faith community into action. This week is about more than building houses; it is an opportunity to build relationships, to build bridges of understanding and respect, and build commitments to our mission. Providing her hopes for the week, Sharon Kemmerer stated, "We hope the week will culminate with enlightened community leaders spreading the word to their congregations on the need for better, affordable housing in Montgomery County".

This event is open to the media. For more information or directions, please call 301-990-0014 ext. 13 or email at [Barbara.mason@habitat-mc.org](mailto:Barbara.mason@habitat-mc.org).

Details of the event are as follows:

Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County  
Building on Faith Week 2008  
Prayer Breakfast – September 16, 2008 8:30-9:30am  
Interfaith Build – September 18, 2008  
Kinderhook Terrace, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866

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