National Women Build Week
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COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER NANCY FLOREEN AND JULIE SUSSMAN JOIN LOCAL WOMEN FOR NATIONWIDE HABITAT INITIATIVE

Women volunteers answer the call from Lowe's and Habitat to help build houses during National Women Build Week, May 4 - 10, 2008

Burtonsville, MD - Laying bricks, pounding nails, and raising walls to build a house is no longer the exclusive territory of men. From May 8th thru May 10th a construction crew of women volunteers will man the tools and building materials at the site of Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County's (HfH-MC) 24 townhome community in Burtonsville, MD in recognition of Habitat's National Women Build Week, May 4 - 10.

"Women Build Week volunteers are excited about brining this national initiative home to Montgomery County. Women Build is not about excluding men; it's about including women," explains Rosemary, DiRita, Director of Volunteers and Family Services. "Habitat's Women Build Week is a great opportunity for like-minded women to have fun and do good for a great cause. At HfH-MC, we hope Women Build will empower and engage women to advance the mission of Habitat in Montgomery County."

National Women Build Week celebrates the compassion, dedication, talents and abilities of women from all walks of life. Lowe's underwrites the Habitat for Humanity Women Build program, bringing women from all walks of life together to learn construction skills and then use those skills to be part of the solution to poverty housing. The home improvement company is providing a $5,000 grant in support of this one-day Women Build.

"More than 12 million US children live in poverty," said Larry D. Stone, Lowe's president and chairman of the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. "We believe the week leading up to Mother's Day provides a wonderful opportunity to showcase the

accomplishments of Lowe's and Habitat's women volunteers, as well as invite new volunteers to help those families and transform communities. Supporting Women Build and other Habitat projects gives us all a chance to provide people with the resources they need to improve their homes and lives."

Other activities that will be taking place during National Women Build Week include:

- **Art Opening – open to the public**
  Date and Time: Saturday, May 10; 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
  Location: Pyramid Atlantic Art Center
  8230 Georgia Avenue
  Silver Spring, MD 20910

  Attendees will hear from HfH-MC's Honorary Women Build Co-Chairs, Montgomery County Councilmember Nancy Floreen and Julie Sussman, national bestselling author and national spokeswoman for the Lowe's Companies, Inc. and Habitat for Humanity's Women Build Program partnership.

About Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, Maryland Inc.
Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, Maryland (HfH-MC) is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit Christian organization dedicated to eliminating poverty housing. Habitat for Humanity brings together people with resources and people in need to build simple, decent, affordable houses. The houses are sold to those in need at no profit. HfH-MC was founded in 1982 and has built 31 houses to date.

About Lowe's
Lowe's is a proud supporter of Habitat for Humanity International, American Red Cross, United Way of America, and the Home Safety Council, in addition to numerous non-profit organizations and programs that help communities across the country. In 2007, Lowe's and the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation together contributed more than $27 million to support community and education projects in the United States and Canada. Lowe's also encourages volunteerism through the Lowe's Heroes program, a company-wide employee volunteer initiative. Lowe's is a FORTUNE(r) 50 company with fiscal year 2007 sales of $48.3 billion and has more than 1,525 stores in the United States and Canada. For more information, visit Lowes.com/community.

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