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**DuPage Habitat for Humanity, ComEd, and College of DuPage
Partner to Help Consumers Go Green, Save Green**

11 New Homes to Feature Affordable Energy Efficiency Technologies

WHEATON, Ill. (Feb. 24, 2009) – DuPage Habitat for Humanity, ComEd, and College of DuPage today announced a green partnership in the development of a \$3 million Habitat for Humanity residential subdivision in DuPage County. The new homes, which will be built in the Pioneer Prairie neighborhood of suburban West Chicago, will allow 11 limited-income families to purchase attainable, sustainable homes.

ComEd is playing a central role in providing energy efficiency expertise for construction of the homes of Pioneer Prairie and the working families who will occupy them. Through an innovative new class called **Sustainable Design Initiative** taught at College of DuPage, architecture and construction management students will work alongside industry professionals and technical experts, like the ComEd Energy Doctor, to evaluate green building strategies for the 11 forthcoming Habitat homes – and for DuPage Habitat for Humanity in the long-term.

“ComEd is committed to helping all our customers become smart energy consumers, especially in the current economic climate. That’s why we’re suggesting simple steps our customers can take to shrink their carbon footprints – and their energy costs,” said Anne Pramaggiore, executive vice president of Customer Operations, Regulatory, and External Affairs, ComEd. “This creative collaboration allows ComEd to expand our energy efficiency education efforts by providing technical expertise to DuPage Habitat for Humanity and the students of Sustainable Design Initiative.”

At the semester’s conclusion, the students of Sustainable Design Initiative will present a plan to DuPage Habitat for Humanity detailing money-saving green solutions available to all homeowners and home developers. The plan will offer a complete cost-benefit analysis of energy efficiency recommendations for home construction, recycling, and landscaping.

Later this year, DuPage Habitat for Humanity, ComEd, and College of DuPage plan to publicize the students’ findings through a series of free community events designed to

inform area residents of low- and no-cost options for managing energy costs and reducing energy usage.

“This has been a great opportunity for our students to see the real-world applications of sustainable design principles,” said Jane Ostergaard, Architecture Coordinator, College of DuPage. “Working with Habitat has pushed the students to look carefully at the cost benefits and consequences of the recommendations they are preparing.”

In June, DuPage Habitat for Humanity will break ground on Pioneer Prairie, a three-acre residential subdivision of 11 detached, single-family homes. The neighborhood is located at the intersection of Sherman and Pomeroy streets in West Chicago. In addition to the new homes, the development will provide many benefits to local residents and the surrounding community, including new infrastructure, increased home values, and enhanced aesthetic appeal thanks to new sidewalks, parkway trees, streetscapes, and an expanded, revitalized Pioneer Park.

“DuPage Habitat offers families a hand up, not a hand out. Habitat’s model for community-centered development of affordable homes offers community benefits, infrastructure improvements and now energy efficiency solutions through partnerships with local families, donors and volunteers that increase the supply of much-needed, sustainable, attainable homes in DuPage County,” said Sarah Brachle, executive director of DuPage Habitat for Humanity.

DuPage Habitat for Humanity builds and sells homes to qualified hard-working, limited-income families. Families must earn sufficient income to pay their 30-year mortgages to DuPage Habitat. In addition, homeowners complete 250 “sweat equity” hours building their own home and their neighbors’ homes, and participating in finance, budgeting, and home repair classes. All Habitat homeowners pay local property taxes and utilities.

The next homeowner application session will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 28 at the DuPage County Building, located at 421 N. County Farm Road in Wheaton. The session, offered in English and Spanish, is a requirement for application to the program.

DuPage Habitat for Humanity has raised \$2.5 million in philanthropic, government, and community support for the 11 Pioneer Prairie homes and five scattered-site rehabbed homes. The donors are not only funding the development of 11 new energy-efficient homes, they are creating a 30-year annuity that continues to help fund affordable home construction in DuPage County for years to come. Donors include: ComEd, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Ambitech Engineering, Matrex Exhibits, Tyndale House Publishers, Air-Rite Heating and Cooling, Goldman Sachs, Painters and Allied Trades Union, Mark Fessler, Seyfarth Shaw LLP, and Showalter Roofing.

Supporting the development of Pioneer Prairie contributes to Exelon 2020, the comprehensive corporate strategy of ComEd’s parent company, Exelon, to reduce, offset, or displace more than 15 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year by 2020.

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For the latest news on DuPage Habitat for Humanity and the Pioneer Prairie project, please visit <http://www.dupagehabitat.org/>

DuPage Habitat for Humanity is a locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization. DuPage Habitat serves DuPage County, Illinois and works in partnership to build modest and affordable housing by building and renovating houses using donated materials and volunteer labor. These houses are then sold to hard-working, limited-income families. Those who qualify must demonstrate their commitment to home ownership by investing 250 hours of sweat equity and repaying the cost of their house through a no-interest long-term loan. This “giving a hand up—not a hand out” approach gives families pride in their accomplishment of ownership of their first home, and builds a strong community of neighbors helping neighbors build attainable housing.

Founded in 1966 and opened in September 1967, College of DuPage is one of the nation’s largest single-campus community colleges. Based on a 273-acre campus in Glen Ellyn, Ill., College of DuPage offers 100 areas of study leading to university transfer, career and professional development, and continuing education. Curriculum is delivered at more than 85 off-campus sites. In addition, more than 125 types of courses are offered online. The college serves nearly 1 million residents of Community College District 502, which comprises all or parts of 51 communities in DuPage, Will and Cook counties. With a student body of 30,000, the college has served more than 900,000 students since its inaugural year. For more information, visit the college’s web site at: www.cod.edu.

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