



Building Houses—Building Hope

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“EVERYONE NEEDS A HOME”—DUPAGE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PARTNERS WITH OAKBROOK CENTER FOR SUMMER FUNDRAISING BIRDHOUSE DRAWING

Wheaton, IL—July 11, 2007—DuPage Habitat for Humanity®, a locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International®, is pleased to announce “Everyone Needs A Home” birdhouse drawing in conjunction with Oakbrook Center’s 44th Annual Invitational Fine Craft Exhibition from July 14-15, 2007. Proceeds from the drawing will help DuPage Habitat provide real homes for families in need.

General Growth Properties, Inc., owner and management company of Oakbrook Center, has entered into an historic 3-year partnership with Habitat for Humanity. Together, the two organizations aim to raise awareness about the need for affordable homes and engage more supporters of Habitat’s work and mission.

The birdhouse drawing coincides with DuPage Habitat’s building season with the groundbreaking of two home rehabilitation projects in Westmont and Glen Ellyn.

“We are thrilled to have a presence at the 44th Invitational Fine Craft Exhibition at Oakbrook Center,” said Sarah Brachle, executive director, DuPage Habitat for Humanity. “We selected the birdhouse theme as a simple reminder that everyone needs a home. This program raises awareness of the issue of affordable housing in DuPage County and provides visitors an opportunity to make donations to help build those homes.”

Volunteers at the DuPage Habitat booth will be encouraging visitors to participate in a free drawing for one of 30 charming birdhouses donated for this event.

About Oakbrook Center’s 44th Annual Invitational Fine Craft Exhibition

A long-standing tradition that began in 1963, the fine craft exhibition is one of the largest open-air, juried fine craft presentations in the country. Nearly 100 artists from all over the United States and Canada showcase their works, attracting over 139,000 visitors each year.

For more information, please visit www.oakbrookcenter.com.

About DuPage Habitat for Humanity

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 with people in need to build modest and affordable housing by building and renovating houses using donated materials and volunteer labor. These houses are then sold to limited income families needing decent shelter. 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.



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