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GLEANER LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY MAKES \$40K DONATION TO DUPAGE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY®

Wheaton, IL—August 14, 2007—DuPage Habitat for Humanity® (DuPage Habitat), a locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International®, is thrilled to announce it received a \$40K donation from Gleaner Life Insurance Society (Gleaner)—one of its biggest sponsors of the year. Above and beyond this generous financial contribution, Gleaner will be sending teams of volunteers for three consecutive days, August 15-17, 2007, to provide hands-on assistance during construction.

“We are incredibly grateful for Gleaner’s financial donation as well as providing us with teams of volunteers to construct a home,” said Sarah Brachle, executive director, DuPage Habitat. “We’ve worked with 34 families—helping over 100 children in DuPage County to live in new homes and because of Gleaner’s generous donation we’re thankful to be increasing that number to 35—Gleaner has definitely made a difference to the lives of one family and our community.”

For nearly 113 years, families across the country have relied on Gleaner as their insurance and retirement provider. As a fraternal beneficiary society, Gleaner is guided by its founding principles of benevolence, protection, and fraternity. The fraternal and benevolent spirit of helping those less fortunate is the backbone of the organization and is what differentiates Gleaner from commercial insurance companies.

“Gleaner understands our responsibility as a membership organization to provide for our members and enhance their communities,” said president and CEO Michael J. Wade. “Because we are also a service-oriented organization we embrace community service projects like DuPage Habitat’s Glen Ellyn project and strive to make a major impact in the communities where we hold our biennial conventions.”

Gleaner plans to hold its 53rd Biennial Convention at Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale, Illinois, October 19-21, 2007. This year’s theme, “Building a Bright Future,” will highlight Gleaner’s vision for the future as it strives to become the model fraternal beneficiary society.

“Assisting DuPage Habitat construct homes for families in need exemplifies the fraternal spirit of Gleaner,” said senior vice president of membership John Lengerman. “Having our president and CEO, board members, a senior vice president, and others provide hands-on assistance to the Glen Ellyn project demonstrates the inherent value we place on community service throughout all levels of our organization—it’s not just what we say, but it’s what we do.”

Please visit the DuPage Habitat website (www.dupagehabitat.org) to see photos of Gleaner helping to build a home in Glen Ellyn.

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



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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.

For more information about DuPage Habitat, visit www.dupagehabitat.org.

About Gleaner Life Insurance Society

Gleaner Life Insurance Society is a nationally recognized tax exempt fraternal beneficiary society. Gleaner assists its members in achieving their financial goals through a broad range of life insurance and annuity products. As a fraternal organization, it provides volunteer opportunities and support outreach programs which make a difference in the lives of our members and the communities they serve.

For more information about Gleaner, visit www.gleanerlife.org.

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