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JAMIE S. SPIVA JOINS STAFF OF DUPAGE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY®

This week Sarah Brachle, Executive Director of DuPage Habitat for Humanity, welcomed Jamie S. Spiva to the Habitat team. Jamie will serve as the organization's Director of Development and will oversee its fund-raising, sponsorship and special event activities.

A graduate of Marquette University, Jamie began her non-profit career with the international fund-raising firm, Community Counselling Service (CCS). During her six-year tenure with CCS, Jamie worked her way up to supervising and directing multi-million dollar capital and endowment campaigns. When approached by a colleague about an opportunity to work as a freelance consultant in 2005, Jamie founded Spiva Consulting. During the next five years, she worked closely with clients to create new development programs and enhance existing strategies.

While serving as a consultant and volunteer for non-profit organizations, Jamie has been instrumental in helping raise more than \$230 million in cash and pledges during the past eleven years. Some of the organizations that have benefited from Jamie's direction over the years include:

- Archdiocese of Detroit, *Detroit, Michigan*
- Diocese of Covington, *Covington, Kentucky*
- International Catholic Stewardship Council, *Washington, DC*
- Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, *Chicago, Illinois*
- The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, *Orlando, Florida*

Jamie shared her enthusiasm for DuPage Habitat at the monthly volunteer and committee meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2010. She said, "One of my first volunteer experiences was with Habitat in high school. I am so happy to return to those roots and help to promote affordable housing here in DuPage County."

Executive Director Sarah Brachle said, "We are thrilled to have Jamie join the Habitat team. I believe that her experience in working with faith-based organizations and individuals will help DuPage Habitat build new partnerships and continue our growth."

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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