



DuPage Habitat for Humanity selected to receive green building grant from The Home Depot Foundation and Habitat for Humanity International

Wheaton, IL, September 13, 2010 - DuPage Habitat for Humanity is among 136 recipients selected to participate in a national green building initiative between Habitat for Humanity International and The Home Depot Foundation. Launched in 2009, the Partners in Sustainable Building Program is a \$30 million, five-year program aimed at helping Habitat affiliates in the United States incorporate sustainable building practices in 5,000 Habitat homes.

Each Habitat organization receiving a Partners in Sustainable Building grant will receive \$3,000 for each home built to a standard equivalent to Energy Star and up to \$5,000 for each home built to a higher green standard. The selected Habitat affiliates are expected to build 2,400 homes in 2010-2011.

“We are extremely grateful to Habitat for Humanity International and The Home Depot Foundation for again selecting DuPage Habitat as a Partners in Sustainable Building grant recipient,” said DuPage Habitat Executive Director, Sarah Brachle. “We are committed to sustainable development, and this funding will support the new green homes we are building with limited-income families in our community.”

Since the program was established, nearly 1,500 homes have been certified nationwide. By incorporating practices such as creating a tight building envelope and using efficient, durable materials in the construction process, many of these homes achieved green building certification with little additional cost.

“We believe that healthy homes are the building blocks for thriving, affordable and environmentally sound communities,” said Kelly Caffarelli, president of The Home Depot Foundation. “Through our partnership with Habitat for Humanity, we are focused on bringing the practical financial and health benefits of green building and maintenance to families of modest incomes. By showing that green building and efficient maintenance of a home can truly keep more money in a family’s wallet, we also hope this effort has a ripple effect on all homeowners nationwide.”

Partners in Sustainable Building is the first partnership between The Home Depot Foundation and Habitat for Humanity International at the national level in the United States. For more information about the PSB program, visit www.homedepotfoundation.org.

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About The Home Depot Foundation

Created in 2002, The Home Depot Foundation supports nonprofit organizations dedicated to creating and preserving healthy, affordable homes as the cornerstone of sustainable communities. The Foundation’s goal is for all families to have the opportunity to live in healthy, efficient homes they can afford over the long-term; to have access to safe, vibrant parks and greenspaces; and to receive the economic, social and environmental benefits of living in a sustainable community. Since its formation, The Home Depot Foundation has granted \$190 million to nonprofit organizations and supported the development of more than 95,000 homes, planted more than 1.2 million trees, and built or refurbished more than 1875 playgrounds, parks and greenspaces. For more information, visit www.homedepotfoundation.org and follow us on Twitter homedepotfdn.

About Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built, rehabilitated, repaired or improved more than 350,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for

more than 1.75 million people. For more information, visit www.habitat.org.

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 homeownership.

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