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Christian, Jewish and Islamic clergy to work together to build a home for single mother

The House that Abraham Builds clergy work day

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (April 17, 2009) On Wednesday, May 6, 2009, Habitat for Humanity Kansas City will host a Clergy Build Day. Pastors, Priests, Rabbis and Imams will gather at 3528 Flora Avenue in Kansas City to work together to build a Habitat for Humanity Kansas City home for single mother, Marcia Davis. This day, specially dedicated to those congregation leaders involved in The House that Abraham Builds project, is being used to promote unity, diversity and interfaith fellowship all while providing affordable, quality shelter for a local family in need.

“Although this group comes from all different backgrounds and a variety of faiths, we all share the teachings of Abraham as a common foundation. And from this foundation we have built an interfaith network of congregations who believe more in the power of unity and peace than in bedlam and confrontation,” remarks Geoffrey Kigenyi, Habitat Kansas City Faith Relations Coordinator and Abraham Build project leader. “The positive energy of this group is both infectious and uplifting.”

Several congregation leaders will participate in this build day: Stan Runnels, St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Cindy Howard, St. Anne's Episcopal Church of Lee's Summit; Terry White, Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral; Jason Lewis, St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church; Father Pat Rush, Visitation Catholic Church; Father Tom Cwik, St. Francis Xavier; Rabbi Scott White, Congregation Ohev Shalom; Rabbi Alexandria, The Temple Congregation Bna'I Jehudah; and Deth Im, Jacob's Well.

Clergy members and Habitat Kansas City staff will be available to answer questions.

For more information about this event, The House that Abraham Builds project, or other Habitat for Humanity specialty/themed builds, visit the Web Site at www.habitatkc.org

About Habitat for Humanity Kansas City

Habitat for Humanity Kansas City is the seventh affiliate of Habitat International and one of three affiliates operating in the metro area. Habitat Kansas City was founded in 1979 by John and Mary Pritchard as a Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating substandard housing within the urban core of Kansas City, Missouri. Through volunteer labor and both monetary and material donations, Habitat KC builds and rehabilitates basic, decent houses with the help of partner families in need. The houses are then sold to these partner families at no profit with a no interest mortgage. Habitat Kansas City has built more than 200 homes and rehabilitated many more, providing quality housing for hundreds of families in our community.

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