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Habitat for Humanity International reaches milestone: 400,000 homes built or repaired since 1976

More than 2 million people around the world served through better housing

Mobile, AL (Dec. 13, 2010) –Habitat for Humanity International surpassed its 400,000 house milestone during its most recent fiscal year. Since the nonprofit organization was founded in 1976, its self-help, hand-up model has resulted in rehabbed, repaired or new housing for more than 2 million people worldwide.

Habitat for Humanity in Mobile County (HFHMC) is part of this global effort. Since 1988, HFHMC has built, rehabbed or repaired over 200 houses. In February of 2011, HFHMC will reach its own milestone when it starts its 200th newly constructed home.

“Habitat for Humanity in Mobile County is continuing its efforts to help families in need of decent, affordable housing. We are happy to have helped Habitat for Humanity reach this important milestone in bettering communities across the country,” said Brenda Carson Lawless, President & CEO of Habitat for Humanity in Mobile County. “With continued support of our sponsors and volunteers, we’ll address affordable housing needs not just in Mobile County, but in Southwest Alabama as we expand our serving area into both Washington and Clarke Counties.”

Along with building new homes to eliminate poverty housing, HFHMC is one of several select affiliates in the United States moving toward a more holistic approach to community development through the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI). As part of the NRI program, HFHMC plans to rehab 25 foreclosed homes and repair 5 homes through the “A Brush With Kindness” exterior repair program.

In fiscal year 2010, Habitat for Humanity International served a record 74,960 families worldwide through a combination of new construction, rehabilitation and repairs. Habitat also helped an additional 6,355 families establish legal rights to a house or land, and provided more



than 46,964 individuals with technical assistance ranging from legal help to construction advice or training.

“We are pleased that even in this difficult economy, Habitat for Humanity has been able to help a record number of families around the world have a better place to live,” said Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International. “Our affiliates are the backbone of Habitat’s efforts. Their hard work and dedication have made this milestone possible. We are grateful for the work of Habitat for Humanity in Mobile County.”

Habitat for Humanity celebrated its 300,000th home in 2008, its 200,000th home in 2005 and the 100,000th home in 2000. By 2013, Habitat for Humanity hopes to assist 100,000 families worldwide annually with new or improved housing.

A copy of Habitat for Humanity International’s fiscal year 2010 annual report, “What We Build,” is now available online at <http://www.habitat.org/support/report/default.aspx>. The report gives a snapshot of Habitat’s work around the world.

About Habitat for Humanity in Mobile County

Habitat for Humanity in Mobile County was founded in 1988 and has completed construction on more than 180 homes. For more information on how you can make a positive, tangible difference in the lives of people within Mobile County contact Habitat for Humanity at 251-476-7171 or on the Internet at www.habitatmobile.org. Habitat is a hand-up, not a hand-out. “Serving Community Better Together.”

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 400,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 2 million people. For more information, or to donate or volunteer, visit Habitat.org.

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