



## News Release

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### Habitat for Humanity Tucson to Double Housing Impact at Annual Event on 9/11 *Will raise walls on eight homes on Building Freedom Day*

TUCSON, Ariz. (August 24, 2010) – Last year on the anniversary of the September 11 attacks, Habitat for Humanity Tucson raised the walls on four new homes for hardworking Tucson families at Building Freedom Day. This year, with the help of many generous donors and a grant from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2, Habitat Tucson will double its impact and begin eight homes.

“We are excited to be able to start eight homes on this special day,” said Michael McDonald, Executive Director. “Not only does it mean twice as many homes for local, hardworking families but it also means we can call twice as many community volunteers to action in remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11 nine years ago.”

In order to raise all 32 walls, Habitat will bring together more than 700 volunteers made up of community members, representatives from local businesses, congregations, members of the military and current and future Habitat homeowners as early as 5 a.m.

One of the eight houses will become a home to Alyson Cichy and her daughter Jennie. Cichy’s house will be the Women Build house which will be primarily built by women.

“I feel like I’m part of a new family,” said Cichy of her partnership with Habitat Tucson. “Living in a community where everyone is supportive, that’s what I like about Habitat.”

Cichy’s Women Build home will also be Habitat Tucson’s first LEED certified home and will include features such as greywater and passive and active solar design.

“Green building has become a priority for us,” said McDonald. “We recognize the importance of sustainability to our homeowners and our community and we are proud to be taking the lead as an example to our fellow home builders.”

The Building Freedom Day homes will be located at Habitat Tucson’s Corazon Del Pueblo home development at I-10 and Craycroft Road. It will take approximately eight months to complete the homes which will be dedicated on May 26, 2011.

Habitat for Humanity Tucson’s Executive Director Michael McDonald and future homeowners of the eight Building Freedom Day homes will be available for interviews throughout the day.

*Building Freedom Day began in 2002 on the first anniversary of the 9/11 attacks as both a symbolic and a substantial way of commemorating the true spirit of American opportunity, community and hard work. Since then, Building Freedom Day has produced more than 59 homes for deserving local families. Habitat Tucson has built more than 325 homes since its inception in 1980.*