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Habitat for Humanity Tucson Celebrates Completion of Four Homes Started on 9/11/09 *Four Families will Receive Keys to Their First Homes*

TUCSON, Ariz. (May 22, 2010) – Four dedicated Tucson families will cut the ribbon on their first homes on **Friday, June 4 at 5:30 p.m.**, when Habitat for Humanity Tucson dedicates the houses started on Building Freedom Day, September 11, 2009.

“Home dedications sum up months of hard work by our homeowners, volunteers, staff, sponsors and so many other members of our community,” said Michael McDonald, Executive Director. “Handing over the keys, cutting the ribbon and watching the families take their first steps as homeowners is overwhelming and joyful; it’s a time for everyone to celebrate.”

For all of the families, this day has been a long time coming. Each adult has completed 200 hours of sweat equity, building on their homes, working at our HabiStore and volunteering within the community. They’ve saved down-payments, signed the mortgage papers, and packed their boxes.

“It’s better to move into your own house. Everybody wants to own a home. The future will be better for our kids,” said Louis Quiroga, one of the future homeowners.

Habitat Tucson expects more than 200 guests to attend the dedication of the homes located in Habitat’s Corazon Del Pueblo home development near the intersection of Craycroft and I-10 and adjacent to Littletown.

Last year on September 11, Habitat for Humanity Tucson, along with more than 350 volunteers raised the walls on these four homes and over the past eight months, more than 1,200 hours of homeowner sweat equity and 10,000 construction site volunteer hours have been invested in this project. The public is invited to attend the dedication ceremony.

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Habitat for Humanity Tucson offers an innovative solution to the crisis of poverty housing by giving a hand up, not a hand out. Habitat Tucson works to end poverty housing by creating opportunities for homeownership in partnership with low-income families, and by making decent shelter a matter of community conscience and action. For more information please visit, www.habitattucson.org.