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## Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West

### Building Houses - Because Everyone Needs A Home



The Habitat slogan – **A HAND UP, NOT A HAND OUT** – is exactly what the program is about. Partner families invest hundreds of hours of their own labor – “sweat equity” – into building their home and the homes of others. Their monthly mortgage payments go into a revolving Fund for Humanity that is used to build more houses.

Homeowner lives are transformed and they become stronger members of society and make a positive difference in their community. Children do better in school, health problems improve, adults complete their education and employment situations improve.

Additional funding comes from tax-deductible donations of money and materials. Volunteers provide much of the house-building labor; working with partner families.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Habitat builds communities by developing partnerships among diverse individuals and groups that help revitalize neighbors and neighborhoods. Individuals, Churches, businesses, foundations and organizations join together to eliminate poverty housing.

#### YOU CAN:

- Volunteer to work at the construction site, at the home store, in the office, on family services committees or on a fundraising committee or event.
- Become a Member of the Habitat for Humanity Carpenters Club. Membership amounts start as low as \$10.00 for children and the proceeds build houses.

Habitat takes blighted housing, demolishes it and builds new structures revitalizing the neighborhood, as well as providing quality, affordable housing for low-income families.



Volunteers make up the majority of the Habitat work force, but they are closely supervised by skilled professionals who are dedicated to this great cause.

- Donate dollars to the building fund, surplus household items to the Habitat home store, and building materials to the Restore.
- Tell our story to others and enlist their help.
- Name Habitat in your will.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ST. TAMMANY WEST

### WHAT'S A BLITZ BUILD?

A special building project is scheduled for October 6-15, 2005. Habitat for Humanity-St. Tammany West will partner with Honeywell for the Honeywell Blitz Build in HOPE Village in Covington, Louisiana.

Ninety-five skilled Honeywell employees will arrive in Covington to build four new Habitat for Humanity houses in ten days. Since 1995, blitz building Habitat houses has become an annual event for these dedicated volunteers. The Honeywell Blitz group has built Habitat houses in Minneapolis, Phoenix, Albuquerque, Redmond Washington, Richmond Virginia, and Madison Wisconsin. A blitz build is an energizing and exciting event. Honeywell volunteers will work alongside the future Habitat homeowners who will purchase the houses upon completion. A volunteer blitz build committee in Covington is at work now to plan accommodations and meals for the Honeywell blitz builders.



Not only do the volunteers lend a helping hand, but the new homeowner must commit 500 hours of "sweat equity" as part of the Habitat program.



Pictured are volunteers building a Habitat for Humanity home in Covington, Louisiana.

“A hand up, not a handout.”

To donate food for the blitz build call Rick at 985.966.5684.

The Honeywell blitz build will take place in HOPE Village, a fifteen lot development across from Pineview Middle School in Covington, Louisiana where Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West will build 15 new Habitat houses in the next two years. Using three different house plans, this new neighborhood will add another ray of hope in the revitalization taking place in North Covington

Habitat brings families, volunteers and resources together to build decent, affordable houses that are sold with no profit.

If you can help Habitat for Humanity, please call today.

To volunteer for any building project with Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West call Ann Borne, Executive Director, at 985.893.3172. ♣

