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Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County announces international service trip in honor of World Habitat Day

Habitat International celebrates World Habitat Day on Oct. 3

In honor of World Habitat Day, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County announces plans for a global village build trip to Guatemala in 2012. Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County will lead a team of volunteers from Central Illinois to travel to Guatemala in November 2012 to build decent and affordable houses for those in need.

“Habitat is committed to addressing poverty housing not only in Sangamon County, but throughout the world,” said Sarah Mackey, executive director. “By planning a global village trip to Guatemala, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County is able to be part of the solution to address poverty housing in other parts of the world.”

A typical home in Guatemala is a four-room, steel-reinforced concrete structure, measuring approximately 50 square meters. The volunteers from Central Illinois will spend 10-12 days building homes to address the current housing deficit of 1.2 million homes in Guatemala.

Individuals interested in learning more about the Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County global village trip to Guatemala are invited to attend an information session on **Monday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.** at Habitat for Humanity, 1514 West Jefferson, Springfield, Ill. No prior experience or skills are required.

Habitat for Humanity helps families and individuals break the cycle of poverty and build long-term financial security. Habitat's affordable, no-profit house payments free up money for food, child care, medicine and other necessities. And research has shown that decent housing improves health, increases children's educational achievement and strengthens community ties.

In addition to recruiting volunteers for the global village trip to Guatemala, Habitat for Humanity is currently recruiting volunteers for Habitat House #86 in Sangamon County. For more information or to join the efforts to eliminate poverty housing, visit habitatsangamon.com or call 217.523.2710.

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Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County is a community-driven nonprofit organization that develops working partnerships with local businesses, churches, community organizations and other individuals to build simple, decent and affordable housing for all people in need. Since its founding in 1989, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County has completed 85 houses in Sangamon County, served over 300 individuals in Sangamon County and served 73 international families.