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

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

Habitat for Humanity 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 of Sangamon County is part of this global effort. Since 1989, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County has built, rehabbed or repaired 82 houses. Currently, house #83 is under construction in Sangamon County and house #84 will break ground in the spring.

“Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon 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 Sarah Mackey, Executive Director. “With continued support of our sponsors and volunteers, we’ll continue to address affordable housing needs in Sangamon County.”

In fiscal year 2010, Habitat for Humanity 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 of Sangamon County.”

Habitat for Humanity celebrated its 300,000th home in 2008, its 200,000th home in 2005 and the 100,000th home in 2000. For more information on Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County, visit habitatsangamon.com.

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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 82 houses in Sangamon County, served over 300 individuals in Sangamon County and served 73 international families.