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Habitat for Humanity ranks No. 6 among largest homebuilders in the U.S.

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County's work to provide affordable housing in Sangamon County has helped Habitat for Humanity International rank as the sixth largest homebuilder on Builder magazine's top 100 list. With 6,032 closings in 2010, this is the second time Habitat for Humanity has placed in the top 10.

"Our placement on the Builder 100 list is a testament to what can be accomplished when people work together," said Larry Gluth, senior vice president of U.S. and Canada for Habitat for Humanity International. "So many families in the United States and around the world face an incredible need for affordable housing, and this need only increases during challenging economic times. Habitat works every day to help these families, and we are grateful for the generosity of our donors, volunteers and advocates who have joined our efforts to help families obtain safe, decent and affordable homes and to strengthen communities."

In 2010, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County helped four families obtain affordable housing and plans to partner with four additional families in 2011. Since 1989, the affiliate has built 83 homes in Sangamon County and served 73 international families.

"We are thrilled that our work to provide affordable housing has contributed to Habitat's ranking as the sixth largest builder in the United States," said Sarah Mackey, executive director at Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County. "We are proud to help families obtain affordable housing, and we thank our supporters for their commitment to helping families in need."

The Builder 100 list is an annual compilation of the largest homebuilders in the country. In 2009, Habitat for Humanity ranked eighth on the list with 5,294 closings, marking the first time the organization made it to the top 10.

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County is currently in the process of recruiting volunteers for Habitat houses #84 and #85 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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