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### **Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County Celebrates World Habitat Day**

*Over 70 international families served by local Habitat affiliate*

In recognition of World Habitat Day, October 4, 2010, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County celebrates serving over 70 international families and making a global impact in building decent and affordable housing.

Habitat for Humanity uses World Habitat Day as a call to action for individuals and organizations to change the reality of poverty housing and to work together to find solutions for those in need. By financially supporting global building, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County has engaged in the solution to address poverty housing by helping families across the globe build, then buy, their own homes on terms they can afford.

“Through our partnership with Habitat for Humanity International, we have served 73 international families by providing the financial resources to build decent affordable housing,” said Sarah Mackey, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County. “Habitat for Humanity is committed to building decent and affordable housing in Sangamon County, and additionally, we are proud to contribute to addressing inadequate housing internationally.”

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County builds simple, decent and affordable housing, in partnership with the community, for all God’s people in need. Since its founding in 1989, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County has built 79 houses in Sangamon County and served over 300 individuals in Sangamon County. In addition to those served locally, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County has supported Habitat for Humanity International’s global building initiatives and has provided direct funding to serve 73 international families.

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According to the recent *State of the World's Cities* report, across the globe an average of one in every three city residents is living in inadequate housing with no or few basic services. In many sub-Saharan African cities, the slum population accounts for more than 70 percent of the urban population.<sup>1</sup>

“Ten million people die each year from substandard housing and living conditions,” said Mackey. “We are proud to be part of the solution to develop sustainable solutions to housing problems, not only in Sangamon County, but throughout the world.”

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. For more information or to join the efforts to eliminate poverty housing, visit [habitatsangamon.com](http://habitatsangamon.com) or call 217.523.2710.

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<sup>1</sup> UN-HABITAT, *State of the World's Cities 2006/7*, [www.unhabitat.org](http://www.unhabitat.org).