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Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County and Lowe's invite women to join Habitat's 10th annual National Women Build Week

Thousands of volunteers to build homes nationwide alongside future homeowners May 6 through 14

Springfield, IL(April 27, 2017) – Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County (HFHSC) and Lowe's invite women to build alongside future homeowners during the 10th annual National Women Build Week, May 6 through 14. HFHSC is one of 300 Habitat organizations nationwide hosting Women Build projects during the week with support from Lowe's, a longtime partner in the event.

On May 12 and 13, local volunteers will be hanging drywall and continuing construction on Home #106, which is being built at 2112 Black Avenue in Springfield.

National Women Build Week brings together women to devote at least one day to building decent and affordable housing in their local communities. Nearly 100,000 women from all 50 states have volunteered in previous years.

"We are excited to participate in the 10th annual National Women Build Week," said Colleen Stone, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County. "This is a great opportunity for women of all skill levels to come together to help a family build a decent and affordable place they can call home, and we are grateful to Lowe's for their financial and volunteer support."

Lowe's helped launch [National Women Build Week](#) in 2008. Each year, the company provides the support of [Lowe's Heroes volunteers](#) and conducts how-to clinics at stores to teach volunteers construction skills. This year, Lowe's contributed nearly \$2 million to National Women Build Week. Since its partnership began in 2003, Lowe's has committed more than \$63 million to Habitat and helped nearly 6,500 families improve their living conditions.

No construction skills are necessary to participate in this year's project. To volunteer or donate, call 217-523-2710 or email executivedirector@habitatsangamon.com. For more information on National Women Build Week, visit Habitat.org/wb

About Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County

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 create and sustain simple, decent and affordable housing for all people in need. Since its founding in 1989, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County has completed 105 houses in Sangamon County, built 20 handicap accessible ramps, performed minor home repairs to 19 homes, and served over 500 individuals in Sangamon County and 74 international families.

About Habitat for Humanity International

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 as a grassroots effort on a community farm in southern Georgia. The Christian housing organization has since grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in nearly 1,400 communities throughout the U.S. and in more than 70 countries. Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, visit habitat.org.

About Lowe's in the Community

Lowe's, a FORTUNE® 50 home improvement company, has a 50-year legacy of supporting the communities it serves through programs that focus on K-12 public education and community improvement projects. Since 2007, Lowe's and the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation together have contributed more than \$250 million to these efforts, and for more than two decades Lowe's Heroes employee volunteers have donated their time to make our communities better places to live. To learn more, visit [Lowe's Open House](#) digital newsroom or follow [@LoweMedia](#) on Twitter.

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