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Habitat for Humanity International's Cars for Homes program reaches \$10 million milestone nationwide

HOUSTON, Texas, (June 8, 2011) – Habitat for Humanity's Cars for Homes program has distributed more than \$10 million to Habitat affiliates nationwide.

The Cars for Homes program began in the state of Washington in November 2003 as a pilot program. In 2005, it was approved as a national program of Habitat for Humanity International. The Cars for Homes program was created specifically to assist Habitat affiliates by generating funding from the sale of donated vehicles. Revenue is distributed to affiliates based on the zip code of the donor.

Houston Habitat has received more than \$40,000 in funding from the program, which has been used to help provide affordable housing options in partnership with local families.

"The Cars for Homes program is one more way for Houstonians to help end poverty housing," said Algenita Scott Davis, Executive Director of Houston Habitat. "We are thrilled that local residents are choosing to reduce blight and recycling valuable resources while providing funding for our neighborhoods to be built."

Cars for Homes is Habitat for Humanity's national vehicle donation program that provides donors a quick and easy process for donating cars, trucks, boats, RVs and other vehicles to help build homes in partnership with local low-income families in need of decent, affordable shelter.

More than 1,100 Habitat affiliates nationwide and five Habitat national offices around the world have received funding from the program.

"We are very pleased to have reached this major milestone with the Cars for Homes program," said Marcia Rundle, the director of the program. "Thanks to our generous donors, Habitat affiliates have been able to use the funds earned from the recycling of used and idle vehicles to help address affordable housing needs in their communities."

To learn more about Cars for Homes, go to www.habitat.org/carsforhomes.

About Houston Habitat for Humanity

Since 1987, Houston Habitat, along with thousands of sponsors and volunteers, has built more than 830 affordable homes for purchase by hard-working, low-income Houstonians. Qualified Houston Habitat homebuyers agree to a no-interest mortgage and contribute 300 hours of "sweat equity" in lieu of a down payment. Partner families are also provided with classes on money management and home maintenance. More information about Houston Habitat and the Houston Habitat ReStore, a discounted building supply outlet, is available at www.houstonhabitat.org or by calling 713-671-9993.

About Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built, rehabilitated, repaired or improved more than 400,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than two million people. For more information, or to donate or volunteer, visit Habitat.org.

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