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News Release

San Diego Habitat for Humanity Celebrates the Construction of the 100th Home and first “Green” home with Groundbreaking Celebration

San Diego Habitat for Humanity staff, volunteers, donors, sponsors and city officials gather on Friday, July 31 at the site of the 100th home to celebrate this historic milestone.

For Immediate Release

SAN DIEGO, July 31, 2009: San Diego Habitat for Humanity (SDHFH), the City of San Diego and numerous sponsors and donors will celebrate the groundbreaking of the San Diego Habitat’s 100th home. SDHFH has build 99 homes since 1987 and have over 50 on the drawing board for the next three years!

Who: San Diego Habitat for Humanity, Mayor Jerry Sanders, City of San Diego, Councilmember Marti Emerald, community sponsors, donors, and volunteers

What: Groundbreaking of San Diego Habitat’s 100th home and first “Green” home

When: Friday July 31, 10:30am

Where: Please see directions below

The 100th Home will be San Diego Habitat for Humanity’s first green home. San Diego Habitat for Humanity has made a commitment to incorporating core elements of green building into its mission of providing simple and decent affordable homes. Thanks to the generosity of our sustainable building partners, SDHFH is able to provide the following environmentally friendly features: solar water heaters, solar panels, tile flooring, recycled doors and windows, drought tolerant landscaping, Hardie board siding, energy start rated appliances, zero-emission VOC paint, and forest stewardship Council certified products. These changes in the design and construction will make the 100th home increasingly self-sustaining, reducing maintenance costs for the owners as well as the need for repairs and upgrades.

Mayor Jerry Sanders states, “The City of San Diego is proud to be partnering with San Diego Habitat for Humanity on the construction of its 100th home. As a former police chief, I know our community is strengthened and lives are stabilized when families have a place to call their own.”

“As your City Councilperson, it is imperative to me that we take advantage of opportunities to create safe, affordable neighborhoods. A partnership with San Diego Habitat for Humanity does just this. San Diego Habitat’s mission of eliminating poverty housing and homelessness by providing affordable homeownership opportunities to working families can only be achieved by partnering with communities. The City of San Diego and District 7 welcome Habitat for Humanity” says Councilwoman Marti Emerald, City of San Diego.

Bradford Bates, Executive Director for San Diego Habitat for Humanity comments, “Although we have much to celebrate with the groundbreaking of our 100th home, the journey is far from over. As San Diego faces a housing crisis more and more families are left without a home. Sadly, there are over 800 children who remain homeless in San Diego. San Diego Habitat for Humanity will continue our home building program which has been successful in strengthening communities and creating safer neighborhoods thus eliminating poverty housing and homelessness. Through the support of our caring donors and volunteers, we will make a difference.”

Interview Opportunities:

Mayor Jerry Sanders, City of San Diego
Councilwoman Marti Emerald, City of San Diego
Councilmember Todd Gloria
Bradford Bates, Executive Director, San Diego Habitat for Humanity

About San Diego Habitat for Humanity: *The mission of San Diego Habitat for Humanity is to make housing a matter of action and conscience as a means to erase poverty housing from our community and the world.* San Diego Habitat for Humanity, Inc. is the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. SDHFH welcomes everyone of all faiths or no faith to join the effort in strengthening families, neighborhoods and communities. Donors and volunteers are the foundation of Habitat's work in San Diego County. San Diego Habitat completed its 99th home and has more than 50 in the pipeline! For more information please visit www.sdhhf.org or call 619-283-HOME.



DIRECTIONS:

From the 8 East:
Take exit 10 for College Avenue (heading south). Keep right at the fork, follow signs for College Ave. S and merge onto College Avenue. Turn right at Rock Street.

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