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Habitat for Humanity: "Now Accepting Homeownership Applications"
Fort Collins Organization to Begin Future Homeownership Application Process

Fort Collins, CO (February 20, 2009) – The local Habitat for Humanity affiliate is accepting applications to help turn local families into homeowners.

“Our affiliate has made great strides this past year. We are so excited to have the resources we need to continue our mission and help Fort Collins families,” said Candace Mayo, Executive Director of Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity.

Do you qualify for a Habitat House? Only four items of criteria are needed:

- You must live or work in Fort Collins
- You must have a need for adequate shelter
- You must earn between 35-50% of Fort Collins area median income
- You must be willing to partner with Habitat by contributing up to 500 hours of “sweat equity” working to build your home.

Applications are currently available at several locations around Fort Collins including the Habitat Home Supply Store, Fort Collins Housing Authority and CARE Housing as well as being available to download online at www.fortcollinshabitat.org. Completed applications must be returned no later than Monday, March 30, 2009.

If you are interested in applying, or would like more information about the application process, please contact **Theresa Bain, Habitat Family Services Coordinator, at 970-488-2605.**

Habitat homeowners pay a **0% interest** mortgage and contribute up to **500 hours** of "sweat equity" in the construction of their home. Their payments go directly back to Habitat to build more homes in our community. The Fort Collins Affiliate has completed 39 homes.

Habitat houses are simple and affordable homes ranging in size from 950 – 1250 square feet and are built throughout Fort Collins.

About Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian organization that empowers low-income families by partnering with them to build affordable housing. Habitat does not give the houses away, but rather sells them to families in need through no-profit loans. Qualified families also contribute hundreds of sweat equity hours in the building of their home alongside hundreds of community volunteers who give of their time and talents. Since its inception in 1993, Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity has constructed 42 homes in the Fort Collins community. Visit us at www.fortcollinshabitat.org to learn more.

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