



**National Women  
Build Week**  
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**Habitat for Humanity of Hamilton County and Lowe's challenge women volunteers to build a house during national Mother's Day initiative May 2-10**

Westfield, IN – April 20, 2009 – In the days leading up to Mother's Day, construction crews of women volunteers will be pounding nails and raising walls at Habitat for Humanity construction sites across the country in recognition of National Women Build Week, May 2- 10. Lowe's and Habitat for Humanity of Hamilton County are looking for local women to work one day on a Hamilton County construction site in Noblesville during the nine-day event. Construction or home improvement experience is not necessary. Across all 50 states, more than 7,000 women volunteers are expected to build at more than 200 Habitat for Humanity construction sites.

Developed through a partnership between Lowe's and Habitat for Humanity, National Women Build Week challenges women to devote at least one day to the effort to eliminate poverty housing. The event is an initiative of Habitat for Humanity's Women Build program underwritten by Lowe's, which brings women from all walks of life together to learn construction skills and then use those skills to build simple, decent affordable.

The Mother's Day timeframe was selected for its significance to many volunteers, as families with children make up a staggering number of those in need of adequate housing: more than 12 million children – one in six – live in poverty housing in the United States alone. To date, women volunteers have built more than 1,400 Habitat houses nationwide. **This is the first Women Build event for fast-growing Habitat for Humanity of Hamilton County.** Lowe's is committing \$875,000 to National Women Build Week, providing \$5,000 grants and event support materials to 175 Habitat affiliates. This is a major initiative of Lowe's renewed five-year, \$20 million pledge to Habitat. That commitment includes underwriting of the Women Build program, as well as providing construction know-how at in-store clinics and build sites, and funding for a variety of Habitat projects across the country

**To volunteer as a team of 10-20 women or donate to this project**, please call Carrie Petty of Habitat for Humanity of Hamilton County at 317-896-9423 or visit [www.hfhhc.org](http://www.hfhhc.org) for more information.

**About Habitat for Humanity of Hamilton County:** Habitat for Humanity of Hamilton County (HFHHC), Indiana is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. HFHHC was incorporated in May of 1990 and since then has built 50 new homes for more than 175 family members, throughout the county. HFHHC is a Christian, ecumenical organization committed to the elimination of substandard housing throughout the county. Habitat for Humanity of Hamilton County is located at 17902 U. S. Hwy 31 N Ste 4 P.O. Box 247 Westfield, IN 46074. For more information please visit [www.hfhhc.org](http://www.hfhhc.org)

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