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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BREAKS GROUND ON THREE NEW AFFORDABLE HOMES IN LONG BEACH WITH PLANS TO BUILD & RENOVATE TWENTY-FIVE MORE HOMES

Los Angeles, CA – February 24, 2010: Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles (HFH GLA) will break ground on three new affordable *green* homes in the City of Long Beach on Saturday, February 27th. In addition to the three new homes at the site, HFH GLA will also rehabilitate an additional home on nearby Magnolia Ave. A short presentation will begin at 10:30 am led by HFH GLA President/CEO, Erin Rank, to welcome distinguished guests, partners and attendees and explain how HFH GLA is partnering with the City of Long Beach to build and renovate 25 more homes with the city. Another longtime partner, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, will also be in attendance to help break ground on the fifth home sponsored by their Thrivent Builds program in Greater Los Angeles.

- Who:** Erin Rank, Habitat for Humanity GLA
Mayor Bob Foster, City of Long Beach
Councilman Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach
The Long Beach Housing Development Company
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, House Sponsor
Ability House, Site Sponsor
- What:** Groundbreaking on three new affordable and sustainable homes
- When:** Saturday, February 27, 2010
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Where:** 1494 Henderson Ave., Long Beach, CA 90813 (@ 15th Street)
(Parking will be available for news vans directly in front of site)
- Why:** On this site Habitat GLA will build three new single-family homes at 1486 & 1494 Henderson Avenue and 1495 Chestnut at 15th St. and rehabilitate another home at 1650 Magnolia in partnership with the Long Beach Housing Development Company. All three homes will have four bedrooms and two baths with approximately 1,360 sq. ft. One of the homes will be an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) approved home for a family living with a disability. Construction will begin in May and is scheduled for completion early 2011. HFH GLA is also announcing a call to action for sponsors and volunteers, and an invitation to residents to sign up for homeownership opportunities. Each of the homes will be sold to low-income first-time homebuyers. In addition to these new and

rehabilitated home, Habitat GLA is proud to have been awarded a Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP 2) grant to build and renovate 25 more homes in the City of Long Beach.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles strives to eliminate poverty housing through advocacy, education and partnership with families in need to build simple, decent, affordable and sustainable housing. Since 1990, HFH GLA has built and renovated over 600 homes locally and worldwide, transforming the lives of hundreds of individuals. HFH GLA is a GuideStar® Valued Partner. For more information, visit <http://www.habitatla.org> or call 310-323-4663.

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