



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GIVE LOCAL HOMEOWNERS *A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS* THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

### ***Local Homeowners Challenged by Age, Disability & Finance Receive Free Exterior Home Repairs through Habitat for Humanity Community Support Program***

Los Angeles, CA – November 13, 2009: For homeowners who may be struggling, the upkeep of their homes usually falls to the wayside and most know that the holidays add additional financial pressure. [Habitat for Humanity of Greater L.A.](#) is looking for volunteers interested in relieving some of the stress of their neighbors by lending a hand, on site, with its [A Brush With Kindness](#) program. This program helps restore neighborhoods by making exterior repairs to the homes of qualified local homeowners. From families looking for a way to spend time together and give back to companies looking for an alternative to the holiday party, [A Brush With Kindness](#) is a way to make a big difference with small acts of kindness. Those interested in helping homeowners in need, while revitalizing and unifying communities, are encouraged to visit [www.habitatla.org](http://www.habitatla.org) and then sign up by clicking on the volunteer link. As the holidays near and the winter season approaches there is a great need for volunteers ages 16 and older during the months of November, December and January. The program runs Wednesday through Saturday 8am to 4pm.

Volunteers can expect to meet and connect with neighbors, other volunteers and work alongside the homeowner and his/her family. They will get their hands dirty and pick up a few tricks of the trade along the way working on home improvement projects like painting, landscaping, roof repair, replacing windows, doors and siding. No experience is necessary to participate.

One of the most rewarding elements of the [A Brush With Kindness](#) program is the homeowner participation. Qualified homeowners participate in the work, or have family members and friends who are willing to contribute on their behalf. They enjoy being able to choose their house paint from a variety of colors, generously donated by Habitat partner, Valspar. Working alongside homeowners is always a highlight for volunteers. Other factors considered when selecting homeowners for the program include their inability to make the repairs themselves due to age, disability, or financial reasons and the condition

of the home. To recommend a local homeowner who could benefit from *[A Brush With Kindness](#)* please download an application at <http://habitatla.org/abwk.asp>.

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 housing. Since 1990, HFH GLA has built and renovated over 600 homes locally and worldwide, transforming the lives of hundreds of individuals. For more information, visit <http://www.habitatla.org>  
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