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Habitat for Humanity Accepting Homeowner Applications

Two Informational Meetings Coming Up, Applications Due August 25

Missoula, MT August 2020 – Missoulians interested in building and purchasing a new home in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Missoula (Habitat) are welcome to learn about and apply for the opportunity this month. Habitat builds multiple homes each year in partnership with local families. These homes are then sold to the families who helped construct them through a special mortgage program that keeps payments within 30% of the family's income. The process requires strong commitment and is based on collaboration and empowerment.

"I heard about Habitat for Humanity from a friend who encouraged me to apply," says the owner of Habitat's 49th home, Heidi Bridges. "Each build is different in its own way and I grew bonds with people I otherwise wouldn't have. It's the best example of a community feeling connected no matter the circumstance and without judgement. Habitat is plain and simple compassion."

Informational meetings will be held on Sunday, August 9th at 1 pm and Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 pm at the Lions Club Park in East Missoula, 766 Michigan Avenue. While attending a meeting is not mandatory for applicants, attendees get early access to the application and can have questions answered by Habitat staff and members of Habitat's Family Services Committee. Habitat will not be providing childcare during either meeting and requires attendees to wear face-coverings and remain six feet apart during the meetings.

Applications will also be available in the Habitat office and at habitatmsla.org beginning Monday, August 10th. Completed applications must be returned to the Habitat office by 5 pm on Tuesday, August 25th for consideration. For more information, call 549-8210.

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About Habitat for Humanity Missoula: Since 1991 Habitat has been building simple, durable homes alongside local families earning 40 to 80% of the median area income. These homes are then sold to the families who helped construct them through a unique program to keep payments within the family's means. This process, called Habitat's 30-30-0-250 mortgage program, allows families to purchase a 30-year mortgage, with payments set at 30% of their income, zero interest, and the contribution of 250 hours of "sweat equity" work as the home is built.

This year Habitat is constructing two homes, the organization's 58th and 59th in Missoula County, alongside the Lumona family of six and the Grados family of three. The Lumona family home is also Habitat's 9th in the Franklin to the Fort neighborhood while the Grados family home is Habitat's first in East Missoula.

Habitat for Humanity of Missoula's office and retail location, the Habitat ReStore, are located at 3655 MT Highway 200 East, Missoula, MT 59802. For more information, call 549-8210 or visit www.habitatmsla.org