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Disciples of Christ Day of Service Vision Statement

Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity and Disciples of Christ congregations will come together for a Day of Service in a Des Moines neighborhood on Saturday, October 1, 2011.

We ask Disciples of Christ congregations to collectively agree to:

- pray for Habitat's mission;
- form a team that will create and implement a plan to raise \$5,000 to help Habitat build homes and revitalize neighborhoods;
- identify 10 or more Project Leaders (see *attached* Project Leader Role Description); and
- recruit 100 additional volunteers for a day of service that will help transform an underserved neighborhood in our community.

The Disciples of Christ Day of Service will focus on a Des Moines neighborhood, to be identified by Habitat on or before August 1, 2011. Volunteer opportunities will include "Rock the Block"-type activities and possibly helping build one or more Habitat homes. Volunteers will be matched with appropriate tasks based on their skills and age. Note that no one under age 16 may be engaged in active home construction, and the minimum age to volunteer during a Rock the Block event is 14 (see *attached* Habitat Youth Policy).

About Rock the Block

Rock the Block is a focused housing outreach approach that provides a path for residents, organizations, volunteers and Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity to come together to assist low income residents with needed repair, maintenance, weatherization, safety, accessibility and beautification of homes. Specific volunteer opportunities offered will depend upon an assessment of needs.

Rock the Block leverages and packages available housing resources at the neighborhood block level to assist as many residents as possible, creating noticeable change and revitalization. Each Rock the Block event occurs in a targeted neighborhood where major rehabilitation and new construction of Habitat homes are already underway or planned for the near future.

Habitat is best known for our affordable homeownership program, which enables hard-working low-income families earning between 30 to 50 percent of the area median income to purchase a safe, decent, and affordable home. For more information about our Habitat's programs and how your church can get involved, visit our website at www.gdmhabitat.org or contact:

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