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### **Saginaw Habitat for Humanity Ready for HABITAT BLITZ 2009!**

Groundbreaking ceremonies for Saginaw Habitat for Humanity's (SHFH) 12th multi-house blitz build are slated for Saturday April 18 at 9:00 a.m. on Stoker east of Michigan in Carrollton then proceeds to Moonglow east of Barnard in Saginaw Township.

A free Community Pancake Breakfast follows at approximately 10:00 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church gym on Hermansau.

Construction of these four houses includes Saginaw Habitat for Humanity's milestone House #150.

The blitz build begins Friday, June 12th and runs through the July 3rd from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with house dedications Tuesday July 7th at noon.

Four houses are slated for completion during this year's blitz: two on Stoker and two on Moonglow east of Barnard in Saginaw Township. The two houses on Moonglow are sponsored by a generous grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Lutheran churches.

Volunteers are encouraged to register early.

This is SHFH's fourth consecutive multi-site build. The event includes the sponsoring groups of churches and businesses and all others interested in being involved. There will also be daily prayer on-site at 7:45 a.m., starting June 12.

Returning house sponsors include Catholic Churches of Saginaw County and the Belmer estate, Lutheran Churches (ELCA and LCMS), African American Christian Unity and Church Workers United. Each house sponsor pledges a minimum of \$30,000 toward the construction cost of its house and recruits and schedules all the volunteers.

Plans call for long-time Habitat supporters from United Methodist Churches to rehab existing houses throughout Saginaw County with local support throughout the year. Families and properties for each of the builds have already been selected.

Habitat's partner family waiting list has grown to over 20 families.

Further support comes from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority in the form of homebuyer down payment assistance, and generous individuals, foundations, churches, businesses and other local organizations.

SHFH is one of 1,700 U.S. affiliates of Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit Christian housing ministry dedicated to the elimination of poverty housing around the world. Founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, the Americus, Georgia-based nonprofit organization has built over 300,000 houses in over 94 countries. For more information about Habitat for Humanity or this year's projects, call the Habitat office at 753-5200 or visit our website, [www.saginawhabitat.org](http://www.saginawhabitat.org).