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Habitat Announces Groundbreaking for first Chesaning house

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for Saginaw's first-ever Habitat for Humanity blitz build in Chesaning begins with a prayer and a song at 9:00 am Saturday, June 30 at 900 E. Liberty in Chesaning. The event is open to neighborhood residents, all Habitat supporters and interested parties.

United Methodist Churches, long-time Saginaw Habitat for Humanity supporters, have joined with a group of Chesaning-area churches, businesses, and organizations. Each sponsor pledges a minimum \$30,000 toward the cost of construction and recruits and schedules all the volunteers. Dozens of volunteers have already signed up for the build.

The wall-raising is scheduled for August 10. The new homebuyers, a couple and their five children ranging in age from 9 to 15 are already working on 'sweat-equity' requirements by assisting with construction at 1320 Cleveland in Saginaw.

Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing and homelessness. HFHI has dedicated over 200,000 houses worldwide in its 31-year history. Saginaw Habitat for Humanity has built or renovated 143 houses since its founding in 1987. Donations are tax-deductible.

Skilled volunteers as well as coordinators are still needed for this year's blitz build. Please contact the Saginaw Habitat for Humanity office at (989) 753-5200 or visit the website, www.saginawhfh.org to volunteer, or for any questions.