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Home Builders Association Ready for Three-Day Build

The Home Builders Association of Saginaw (HBAS) will raise the walls Thursday October 30 at 7:30 am on 3500 Williamson (at Southfield) in Bridgeport for its second three-day blitz build of a house. Construction of the four-bedroom house will conclude Saturday, November 1 with a 5:00 pm dedication. Excavation of the basement began October 2, basement walls poured October 9, and the floor deck was installed October 18.

This is the second Habitat house built in just three days by the HBAS, its fourth completion overall. In November 2001, HBAS member businesses and volunteers built a house at 3141 State Street in Saginaw almost entirely with in-kind gifts—donated materials and labor, far exceeding the minimum \$25,000 pledge. Similar participation this time from foundation to finish trim is committed from dozens of member companies.

Walls built by inmates through the Prison Build Program at Mid-Michigan Correctional Facility in St. Louis were delivered October 27.

John Farrand, of Farrand Builders is project director for the build. Tom Bailey, of Bailey Construction will serve as house leader.

In a special effort to promote recycling, HBAS and Saginaw Habitat for Humanity volunteers will save cardboard, aluminum, and clean waste wood from ending up in a landfill. Mid-Michigan Waste Authority and Waste Management are donating a bin for the endeavor.

The Home Builders Association of Saginaw is a member of the 205,000-member National Association of Home Builders. At the national level, the NAHB's Home Builders Care program emphasizes contributions to support affordable housing.

Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing and homelessness. HFHI has built over 150,000 houses in its 27-year history. Saginaw Habitat for Humanity has built or renovated 102 houses since its founding in 1987. Donations are tax-deductible.

Skilled and unskilled volunteers as well as coordinators are needed for year-round construction and support. Please contact the Saginaw Habitat for Humanity office at (989) 753-5200 to volunteer, or for any questions.