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Home Builders Association Sponsors Second Three-Day Build

The Home Builders Association of Saginaw (HBAS) is sponsoring its second three-day blitz build of a house, this time at 3500 Williamson (at Southfield) in Bridgeport. Construction of the three-bedroom house is slated to begin Thursday October 30 and conclude Saturday, November 1. Excavation of the basement began October 2. Wolfgram Excavating donated excavation and hauling services.

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 is expected this time.

J.D. Laundra Foundations and Masonry is again donating expertise to pour the footings beginning Monday October 6 and basement walls October 9. Kurtz Gravel, Great Lakes Stone Slingers, Grey Cloud Waterproofing and Easton Enterprises are contributing materials to the effort.

Walls built by inmates through the Prison Build Program at Mid-Michigan Correctional Facility in St. Louis are scheduled for delivery October 28.

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

Paul Warriner, Executive Director of Saginaw Habitat for Humanity proclaimed, "We are proud to work with the Home Builders Association. What a miracle it is to be able to provide another deserving family with a simple, decent home in less than a week's time."

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.