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Three houses to be dedicated Saturday following Saginaw's eleventh blitz build

Saginaw Habitat for Humanity (SHFH) will bless three houses Saturday June 23 beginning with a major remodel at 1580 Joy Street in Buena Vista at 11:00 am followed by two new houses on Saginaw's west side, 423 N. Harrison then 1320 Cleveland. The houses were completed during SHFH's eleventh annual blitz build which started Friday June 8. Each of the homebuyers will be presented with keys to their house and a bible during the blessings.

A uniquely Habitat celebration at St. John's Episcopal Church, 123 N. Michigan, called *Habitation* will immediately follow the blessings, approximately 12:30 pm. At *Habitation*, the new homebuyers, volunteers, neighbors, dignitaries, and other supporters will join together to celebrate the community-building efforts. The event is open to the public.

Hundreds of volunteers contributed labor to the houses sponsored by dozens of churches, with support from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (homebuyer downpayment assistance) and recycled payments from current homeowners.

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