



LOCAL WOMEN BUILDING HOUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONWIDE HABITAT INITIATIVE

Lowe's and Habitat invite all women to help build futures, overcome poverty housing during National Women Build Week, May 4 - 10.

Saginaw, MI - It won't be men laying bricks, pounding nails, and raising walls at the construction site for a local family's new Habitat for Humanity house. Beginning **Monday, May 5 at 8:00am** women volunteers will be manning tools and building materials, working on the Pleitsch family's home in recognition of National Women Build Week, May 4 – 10, sponsored by Lowe's.

Saginaw Habitat for Humanity will hold a site blessing ceremony at **780 N. Pine in Hemlock at 11:30am** that day to bless the ground and construction volunteers for this expected six-week remodeling project. An estimated 40 women that day will begin removing and replacing siding, fascia and soffits, doors, windows and trim.

Developed through the partnership between Lowe's and Habitat for Humanity, National Women Build Week celebrates the compassion, dedication, talents and abilities of women from all walks of life. The goal is to both showcase the accomplishments of Habitat's women volunteers and invite new women volunteers to join the effort to provide decent, safe, affordable housing.

The week leading up to Mother's Day was selected for its significance to many volunteers, as families with children make up a staggering number of those in need of adequate housing: more than 12 million children - one in six – live in poverty housing in the United States alone.

Lowe's underwrites the Habitat for Humanity Women Build program, bringing women from all walks of life together to learn construction skills and then use those skills to be part of the solution to poverty housing. Lowe's is providing Saginaw Habitat for Humanity a \$5,000 grant in support of this one-day Women Build.

Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing and homelessness. HFHI has built over 225,000 houses in its 32-year history. Saginaw Habitat for Humanity has built or renovated 145 houses since its founding in 1987. Donations are tax-deductible.

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