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Left-Handers and friends to dedicate World's First Left-Handed Built House

Saginaw Habitat for Humanity will dedicate the "World's First" Left-Handers & Friends Build at 2029 Avon at noon on Friday, September 10. The original planned dedication date of August 27 was scrubbed due to changes in the work schedule. Volunteers using either hand are welcome to help with remaining construction and finish work.

Cameron Brady, the left-handed Development Manager for SHFH said, "This project has been everything we thought it would be: a well-built house where volunteers have had the chance to expand their skills and have fun doing it."

The four-bedroom house with a left-hand floor plan (front porch is on the left side), and left-hand front door, will be purchased by Patricia Marcelin. The new homeowner and her family are set to move in when all work is complete. Patricia has one son and three daughters all anxious to enjoy their first home. Two-year-old Abigail is left-handed.

Lowe's contributed \$35,000 in cash and building materials to the project, plus provided some key volunteers. Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation added \$3,000 and several skilled volunteers as well. Construction started on August 6, 2010 with more than 100 dedicated volunteers having helped build. The house has four bedrooms and two full baths. As with all Habitat built homes, the house meets ADA accessibility criteria, and will be completed to Energy Star-plus ratings.

Left-handed pastor David Birnbaum of Grace Lutheran Church has been the faithful House Leader for the project, bringing over 30 years of construction experience.

Habitat for Humanity International CEO Jonathan Reckford, a southpaw himself, sent a letter ([attached](#)) of encouragement to the builders.

Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is a non-profit ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing and homelessness. HFHI has built and sold over 300,000 houses in 94 countries since 1976 with no profit, zero-interest mortgages. Saginaw Habitat for Humanity has built or renovated 156 houses since its founding in 1987. Habitat's partner family waiting list has grown to almost 30 families. 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.