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**Habitat Completes House Rehabilitation, Starts Another**

Saginaw Habitat for Humanity (SHFH), will dedicate a three-bedroom house at noon Monday, January 19 as part of Habitat for Humanity International's *Building on the Dream Day*, inspired by the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The house, at 1554 Holmes in Saginaw, is the fifth Habitat house rehabilitated by community volunteers.

Dr. King spoke passionately and relentlessly for the civil rights of the underprivileged and he talked frequently about his dream for an America where, one day, all people would come together as one nation under God. "Building on the Dream" embraces and celebrates cultural diversity and religious solidarity, which Dr. King referred to as "the beloved community." The program seeks to turn dreams into reality by inviting everyone—regardless of race, culture, or religion—to join Habitat for Humanity affiliates in the effort to eliminate substandard housing.

SHFH will now begin work on its sixth house rehabilitation, at 3329 Grant Street in Saginaw. Volunteers are needed for construction and support. It is expected that the house will be completed by April.

"We are continually seeking to improve the housing stock of Saginaw County," said SHFH executive director Paul Warriner. "One of the ways we do that is to preserve worthwhile houses. Since these houses generally cost less to finish than a new construction, this also enables us to target homebuyers of lower wealth."

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 104 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.