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### **DC Habitat for Humanity names Kent Adcock as new president**

**Washington, DC (April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009)** - The Washington DC affiliate of Habitat for Humanity today announced the appointment of Kent Adcock to the position of president, effective April 13th. Adcock currently serves as Director of Government and Community Relations at Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, one of the largest producing Habitat affiliates in North America.

“We are very pleased to have attracted a leader for DC Habitat of Kent's abilities,” said Gordon Brown, Board Chair of DC Habitat for Humanity. “Kent's past work in the Gulf shows that he shares our aim to make DC Habitat for Humanity a major contributor to the city's effort to provide decent, affordable housing to hardworking low-income families,” Brown said.

Adcock will replace Carol Casperson who co-founded DC Habitat and led the affiliate for 20 years, building and selling more than 100 homes. Adcock's responsibilities will include overseeing all staff operations, skillfully building partnerships, lobbying on behalf of DC Habitat and its constituents and leading the affiliate toward its goal of building another 100 homes over the next ten years.

Adcock has already proven that, under his leadership, this ambitious goal is possible. While with the Biloxi, Miss. affiliate, Adcock developed and has maintained invaluable relationships to help exceed disaster response production goals. This includes completing 150 new homes in the past year.

Prior to joining Habitat of the Miss. Gulf Coast, Adcock served as interim executive director of Harrison County, Miss. Habitat. While there Adcock helped restructure and position the affiliate to serve as a conduit for millions of recovery dollars through post Katrina recovery programs.

“As president, I expect to expand existing networks and partnerships, build sustainable capacity and provide visionary leadership toward developing new and innovative housing models,” Adcock said. “A key desire [of mine] is to work in concert with local units of government, other

non-governmental organizations, corporations, foundations, associations and faith based partners to increase access to housing in the District.”

Prior to his work with Habitat for Humanity, Adcock, who holds a B.A. in Pastoral Ministry from Warner Southern College, served in a variety of finance, marketing and leadership roles, in part through his ministry and non-profit work. He spent several years as Senior Pastor in Jackson, Miss. As Chief Operating Officer for a church extension, he also managed multi-million dollar budgets and provided support and resource consultation for more than 2,500 churches.

#### **About DC Habitat for Humanity**

DC Habitat for Humanity is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Its mission is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness in the nation's capital by building affordable, energy- and resource-efficient homes for God's people in need. It offers no-profit, no-interest, 25 year mortgages for its buyers. Prospective homeowners make a \$500 down payment and contribute 300 hours of sweat equity towards construction of their own home. Mortgage payments on completed homes are reinvested in a revolving Fund for Humanity to finance further construction and the acquisition of additional properties and building materials. For more information, visit [www.dchabitat.org](http://www.dchabitat.org).

#### **About Habitat for Humanity International**

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built more than 300,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1.5 million people. For more information, visit [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org).