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**DC Habitat for Humanity & Habitat for Humanity International to hold
WORLD HABITAT BUILD DAY**

On **Tuesday, October 6 at 8:30 a.m.**, in celebration of World Habitat Day, D.C. Habitat for Humanity and Habitat for Humanity International will hold a volunteer build day at DC's 53 home Northeast Parcel development on 55th and Clay Sts, NE. Executive Director of UN-Habitat, Dr. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka will join Jonathon Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International, to speak during the event, which will include a wall-raising followed by lunch. World Habitat Day was designed to unite people and organizations of goodwill around the cause of housing, to remind the world of its collective responsibility for the future of the human habitat.

WHO: Representatives from Habitat for Humanity International and DC Habitat for Humanity and featured guests, to include:
Dr Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka – Executive Director UN-HABITAT
Jonathon Reckford - CEO, Habitat for Humanity International
Leila Edmonds, Director, Dept. of Housing & Community Development

WHAT: In recognition of World Habitat Day, join D.C. Habitat for Humanity and Habitat for Humanity International for a volunteer build day event at DC Habitat's 53 home development in Northeast Washington.

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OPPORTUNITY: Morning remarks by Senator Merkley (D-OR) at 8:30 a.m.
Wall Raising ceremony at 11:30 a.m.
Remarks made by featured guests

WHEN: Tuesday, October 6, 2009
Build: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Wall-raising: 11:30 a.m.,
followed by speakers and lunch

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WHERE:

55th and Clay Streets NE
Washington, D.C.
(Parking available at Evergreen Baptist Church, 325 55th St. NE)

DC Habitat for Humanity

D.C. Habitat for Humanity believes that everyone deserves a house they want to call home. That's why we work to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness in the nation's capital by building affordable, energy- and resource-efficient homes for people in need. D.C. Habitat builds and rehabilitates homes in order to sell them to families who are ineligible for conventional financing. Visit us at www.dchabitat.org for more information.

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.

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