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Habitat for Humanity Hosts Interest Meetings for Trip to Guatemala

*Informational meetings on Feb 5 and Feb 19
for volunteers interested in traveling with Habitat for Humanity*

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County will host two informational meetings for individuals interested in traveling to Guatemala as part of Habitat for Humanity's Global Village program. The Global Village program provides an opportunity for volunteers from Central Illinois to travel together, under the leadership of Habitat for Humanity, to build homes for families in need in Guatemala.

The informational meetings are at 6:00 p.m. on February 5 and February 19 at Habitat for Humanity, 1514 West Jefferson. The meetings are free and attendance at the interest meetings does not commit or guarantee an individual's spot on the trip. At the meetings, guests will be able to hear stories from last year's team members, learn about the Global Village program, and get the basic information on this year's trip.

"Habitat is committed to addressing poverty housing not only in Sangamon County, but throughout the world," said Sarah Mackey, executive director. "By planning a global village trip to Guatemala, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County is able to be part of the solution to address poverty housing in other parts of the world."

A typical home in Guatemala is a four-room, steel-reinforced concrete structure, measuring approximately 50 square meters. The volunteers from Central Illinois will spend 10-12 days building homes to address the current housing deficit of 1.2 million homes in Guatemala. This is the second year Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County has led a Global Village volunteer team to Guatemala.

In addition to recruiting volunteers for the Global Village trip to Guatemala, Habitat for Humanity is currently recruiting volunteers for the Enos Park Habitat for Humanity Townhouse. For more information or to join the efforts to eliminate poverty housing, visit habitatsangamon.com or call 217.523.2710.

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Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County is a community-driven nonprofit organization that develops working partnerships with local businesses, churches, community organizations, unions, and other individuals to build simple, decent and affordable housing for all people in need. Since its founding in 1989, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County has completed 89 houses in Sangamon County, served over 350 individuals in Sangamon County and served 74 international families.