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Habitat for Humanity and Lowe's team up for National Women Build Week

Local volunteers join women across the United States to build affordable housing in their communities

Local women are volunteering at the Habitat for Humanity construction site this week in recognition of National Women Build Week, May 4-12. Now in its sixth year, National Women Build Week challenges women to devote at least one day to help build affordable housing in their local communities.

The volunteers are working on a project for Habitat for Humanity's A Brush With Kindness Program. The program is designed to provide landscaping, painting and minor repairs for low income homeowners in the community. A team of women volunteers have worked throughout the week and will work all day on Saturday, May 11 at the house, located at 2832 East Black in Springfield.

Lowe's donated a \$5,000 store gift card to Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County and \$1.75 million to the 2013 National Women Build Week to support 300 participating affiliates. National Women Build Week is one of the major initiatives supported through Lowe's five-year, \$20 million pledge to Habitat. As the underwriter of the Women Build program since 2004, Lowe's conducts how-to clinics at stores to teach women construction skills and provides the support of Lowe's Heroes employee volunteers to build homes with partner families across the country.

"Lowe's has underwritten Habitat's Women Build program since 2004, and we are proud to continue to bring together women from all walks of life to raise walls alongside local families in need," said Marshall Croom, chairman of the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. "We thank our Lowe's Heroes and the thousands of volunteers who will help strengthen communities throughout the country this week."

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County is a community-driven nonprofit organization that develops working partnerships with local businesses, churches, unions, community organizations 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 91 houses in Sangamon County and served over 350 individuals in Sangamon County. For more information or to join the efforts to eliminate poverty housing, visit habitatsangamon.com or call 217.523.2710.

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