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Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County selected for 'Affiliate of Distinction' honor for its service and innovation

*Organization adopts best practices to create affordable
housing and support community's economic growth*

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County has been selected as one of twelve "Honorable Mentions" by Habitat for Humanity International's Affiliates of Distinction program.

The Affiliates of Distinction program was established this year by Habitat for Humanity International to honor those Habitat affiliates that meet or exceed best-practice standards and to uphold their work as best practices. Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County is the only Habitat affiliate in Illinois to receive the honor.

Habitat for Humanity builds affordable homes and sells them, through zero-interest loans, to partner families. Since its founding in 1989, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County homeowners have contributed \$453,302 in taxes and revenue to local government and generated over \$2 million in additional income to local government, businesses and employees.

"Habitat for Humanity is proud to receive recognition of our work to move families out of poverty housing, while also contributing to the economic impact of Sangamon County," said Sarah Mackey, executive director of Habitat for Humanity. "As a leader in providing simple, decent and affordable housing for families, we are proud to contribute to our community's economic growth," stated Mackey.

Habitat affiliates considered for the Affiliate of Distinction honor were reviewed by seven criteria: sustainable and green building; overall organizational leadership; community development; financial sustainability; alignment with Habitat for Humanity's strategic plan; effective use of technology to better communication with the public; and support for Habitat's global mission.

To join Habitat for Humanity 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 and other individuals to create and sustain 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. Habitat for Humanity also operates a ReStore that annually diverts over one million pounds of building materials and home supplies from the landfill.