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Habitat for Humanity's Holds Gala Fundraiser February 4
Hearts & Hammers Gala to benefit Habitat programs in Salem and Keizer

Habitat for Humanity's Annual Hearts & Hammers Gala
Saturday, February 4, 2012 – 6 pm
Mission Mill Museum – Spinning Room (1313 Mill Street SE, Salem)

Salem, Oregon, January 3, 2011 — On Saturday, February 4, Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley will hold its fourth annual **Hearts & Hammers Gala** to support Habitat programs within Salem and its surrounding communities. Sponsored by Extreme Chocolates and Saalfeld Griggs PC, the **Hearts & Hammers Gala** will feature wine, hors d'oeuvres, a catered dinner, and silent and live auctions to support Habitat's mission to eliminate poverty housing.

Held in Mission Mill Museum's Spinning Room, this year's **Hearts & Hammers Gala** will feature a wide array of unique auction items sure to appeal to a variety of interests. Sweets enthusiasts will enjoy the decadent dessert auction by Extreme Chocolates, sports fans may bid on photos signed by Arnold Palmer and Dale Earnhardt Sr., while music lovers may purchase a guitar autographed by Eric Clapton or a drumhead signed by the Rolling Stones. All proceeds go directly to Habitat home builds in partnership with local hardworking families in need and the affiliate's new youth initiative program, H2°.

Purchasing Event Tickets

Cost to attend the event, which will be held from 6 to 10 pm, is \$45 a person or \$360 for a table of eight. RSVPs can be made by calling (503) 364-6642, in person at the Habitat office (1220 12th St. SE, Salem) or online at www.salemhabitat.org. Price includes entry to the event, wine, hors d'oeuvres, and a catered dinner. **Guests are asked to reserve their tickets by Friday, January 20, 2012.**

About Habitat for Humanity's Programs

Support for builds and programs come from grants, sponsors and fundraising events such as our **Hearts & Hammers Gala**. Proceeds from this year's Hearts & Hammers Gala will help support home builds in Salem and Keizer as well as the organization's emerging program H2°, a youth initiative program aimed at teaching local youth job skills on Habitat for Humanity build sites.

For more information on the Hearts & Hammers Gala or the programs of Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley, visit www.salemhabitat.org or call (503) 364-6642.

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Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley has been serving the community since 1991, working in concert with volunteers, donors, and partner families to build decent, affordable homes in Salem, Keizer, Polk County and the greater Stayton area. To date, Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley has built more than 75 homes, housing more than 300 individuals— including over 200 children.

Habitat for Humanity is a worldwide, grass-roots movement. There are more than 2,100 active affiliates in 100 countries, including all 50 states of the United States, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico.

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