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**Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley Receives \$40,000 Grant from  
The Rotary Club of Salem**

*Funds to be used to launch new youth initiative program*

**Salem, Oregon, November 11, 2011**– Through its annual Good Works Fundraiser, The Rotary Club of Salem has awarded \$40,000 to Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley (HFHMWV). The grant will be used to launch a youth initiative program, H2°.

H2° will provide young people with opportunities to continue their education, attain vocational training, or gain employment. HFHMWV will offer skills-based training on Habitat builds sites while community partners will provide life skills, mentoring, pre-employment education and GED opportunities for youth.

“This project has all the elements we like to see in our major Good Works project,” says Rotary President, Renee Campbell. “Best of all are the expected results of a positive change in job skills, leadership, self-respect, relationships and team building, positive attitudes towards authority and education, and community service. This program will change the lives and futures of the participants for the better, and that is a huge return on our investment.”

For more information on H2°, call HFHMWV at (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 76 homes, housing more than 350 individuals— including over 240 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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