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The Two Largest Valley Habitat for Humanity Affiliates Merge

*Habitat for Humanity Valley of the Sun and Habitat for Humanity of the West Valley
Merge to Create Greater Impact*

PHOENIX, AZ (August 4, 2008) – Habitat for Humanity of the West Valley and Habitat for Humanity Valley of the Sun Affiliate have merged. The new affiliate name is Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona.

The merger increases the overall capacity of both affiliates to better serve families, volunteers and donors. Additionally, the merger will strengthen existing partnerships with cities, corporations, faith communities and individuals.

Over the last twenty three years, the two affiliates have partnered with 698 families to make the dream of homeownership a reality. Faith partners, corporations and individuals have supported the mission of Habitat creating opportunities for over 14,000 volunteers this last year to build homes for deserving families.

“This merge is a bold move to effectively and efficiently serve those families in need of affordable housing,” said Roger Schwierjohn, President / CEO of the merged Habitat affiliate. “By working together, we will provide a coordinated approach to the housing crisis in our communities. We are excited about the opportunities this merger creates and we look forward to building more than 45 homes this year.”

Habitat for Humanity, Central Arizona ranks in the top 10 Habitat affiliates across the country. The merger provides the opportunity to implement strategies to help unify the offerings and position Habitat to meet the future housing challenges of a growing population.

The merged affiliate moves forward with a combined Board of Directors and all employees. Lee Mashburn, President of The Mashburn Companies, and Jim Denson, Environmental Protection Manager, of Waste Management will serve as co-chairs of the merged Board of Directors. The merge date was effective June 30, 2008.

The Habitat for Humanity, Central Arizona will continue to build in the greater metropolitan areas, from Apache Junction to Buckeye. The communities Chandler, Gilbert, Glendale, Mesa, Peoria and Surprise will also continue to see an impact from Habitat. New planned communities in Phoenix and Avondale are breaking ground later this fiscal year.

ABOUT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CENTRAL ARIZONA

Serving Central Arizona since 1985, Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona (HFHCAZ) is a grassroots Christian housing organization dedicated to eliminating poverty housing by building affordable housing. Habitat helps families of low and moderate incomes become homeowners. HFHCAZ also builds community partnerships that promote spiritual values and individual responsibility.

Since its inception in 1985, the Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona affiliate is one of the most active of the Habitat affiliates and is responsible for the building of more than 698 new homes. Currently the affiliate is active in Apache Junction, Avondale, Chandler, Gilbert, Glendale, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix and Surprise. Serving metropolitan

Habitat for Humanity International, based in Americus, Georgia, is an ecumenical Christian ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing. Habitat International dedicated its 200,000th house last summer and has more than one million people living in Habitat homes they helped build and are buying through no-profit, zero-interest mortgages.

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