



February 17, 2010

Dear Colleague:

The *Ninth Annual Build A House...Build A Dream! Contest for Kids*, hosted by Delaware Valley Habitat for Humanity, is a fun-filled, educational event for fifth grade students throughout the region. More than 700 children are currently building the three-dimensional houses of their dreams, and will bring the completed structures to the John A. Daskalakis Athletic Center (DAC) at Drexel University on Saturday, April 17, 2010. We are writing to invite you to share your professional talents with our young builders by volunteering to be a judge on that day.

As a judge, you will be asked to arrive at the DAC by 8:30 a.m. for registration, a continental breakfast and briefing on the judging guidelines. There will be three rounds of review, and you may be asked to participate in one or more rounds. In each, you will meet with a small number of children, some who have worked individually and others in teams of two, to discuss their house and what went into building it. Entries are evaluated on originality and creativity, use of materials, design, and independent effort. We will conclude by 1:00 p.m. and the awards presentation will follow. Your specific knowledge of the industry will provide valuable feedback and a wonderful learning opportunity for these 10-year-olds.

Delaware Valley Habitat for Humanity's goal in hosting this event is to raise awareness of our mission to build simple, decent homes for sale to low-income families. We also hope to raise funds to continue building in this region. There is no Contest entry fee for the children; funds are being secured exclusively through sponsorships.

In past years, many of our judges and their employers also wanted to become event sponsors in order to support Habitat for Humanity and to take advantage of the event's marketing and networking opportunities. Special sponsorships have been created for judges, and all contributions are tax-deductible.

Contributions at any level are welcome. A registration form is attached. Additional sponsorship information is available on the Build A House page on the website www.dvhabitat.org.

Whether as a Contest judge, a sponsor, or both, we welcome your support. Since the materials for the judges need to be prepared, we encourage you to return the attached RSVP form promptly. With questions or for more information, please contact 215/564-2102 or contest@dvhabitat.org.

Thank you for your interest and consideration. The next generation of young engineers is looking forward to meeting you on April 17.

Sincerely,

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About Delaware Valley Habitat for Humanity

Delaware Valley Habitat for Humanity is a regional organization of six Habitat affiliates in Southeastern Pennsylvania and Camden NJ. It serves Philadelphia, Bucks County, Chester County, Delaware County, Montgomery County, and Camden County. Formed in 1998, the organization undertakes programs to increase awareness of the need for affordable housing and to develop financial and in-kind resources to help meet the need.

To date more than 411 homes have been built in the region by Habitat affiliates. Habitat programs are targeted at low and very low income working families in need. Simple, basic, decent homes are produced utilizing volunteer labor, donated building materials and financial gifts. The homes are sold with no profit added and with zero percent interest loans to families who invest 400 hours or more of sweat equity building their own or another families' home. The habitat model is a pragmatic, direct, hands-on way to make a difference with the overwhelming need for affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization.