



**National Women
Build Week**
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MEDIA ALERT

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Councilmember Karen Davis and local women build houses for nationwide Habitat for Humanity initiative

*Women answering the challenge from Habitat for Humanity and Lowe's
to help eliminate poverty housing during National Women Build Week, May 1-9, 2010*

Glendora, CA 4.6.10 — In the days leading up to Mother's Day, construction crews of women volunteers all across the country will be pounding nails and raising walls at Habitat construction sites across the country in recognition of National Women Build Week, May 1-9. In Glendora on May 6th and May 8th local women volunteers will be manning tools and materials, working on the Snyder family's new home.

Across all 50 states, around 7,000 women volunteers are expected to build at more than 200 Habitat for Humanity construction sites.

Developed through the partnership between and Habitat for Humanity and Lowe's, National Women Build Week challenges women to devote at least one day to the effort to eliminate poverty housing. The event is an initiative of Habitat for Humanity's Women Build program, underwritten by Lowe's, which recruits, educates and nurtures women to build and advocate for simple, decent and affordable houses in their communities.

Lowe's is providing Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity a \$5,000 Lowe's store gift card, as well as in-store volunteer training, in support of this one-day build. Nationwide, Lowe's committed more than \$1 million to National Women Build Week, providing gift cards and event materials to 200 Habitat affiliates.

**WHAT: Local women volunteers building with Habitat for National Women Build Week
At the Glendora Habitat for Humanity site. This site will be the first LEED home in
Glendora.**

WHEN: Thursday, May 6 and Saturday, May 8
8:30 a.m. Construction begins
11:30 a.m. Remarks and **photo opportunities**
3 p.m. Construction ends

WHO (INTERVIEW/PHOTO OPS):

- Karen Davis, City of Glendora City Council
- Faith Mellinger/ Jody Gmeiner, Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity
- Snyder Family, New Habitat homeowners
- Teri Thomas of Lowe's San Dimas
- Local Glendora Women volunteers

WHERE: **252 S. San Jose Drive, Glendora, CA**
South of Foothill, closest cross streets are Lorraine and Valley Center

WHY: Local women are participating in National Women Build Week, May 1–9, which challenges women to devote at least one day to the effort to eliminate poverty housing.

The Mother's Day timeframe was selected for its significance to many volunteers, as families with children make up a staggering number of those in need of adequate housing. More than 12 million children—one in six—live in poverty housing in the United States alone. To date, women volunteers have built nearly 1,700 Habitat houses nationwide. Locally, Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity has built or rehabilitated 39 houses. This is the first National Women Build participation for Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity.

About Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity

Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity helps to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income residents in West Inland Empire and East San Gabriel Valley thereby promoting a healthy neighborhood environment for community residents. Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity covers a 16-city service area including West Covina, Chino, Chino Hills, Claremont, Covina, Diamond Bar, Glendora, La Puente, La Verne, Montclair, Ontario, Pomona, Rancho Cucamonga, San Dimas, Upland, and Walnut. For more information call 909.596.7098 or visit www.habitatpv.org

About Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built more than 350,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1.75 million people. For more information, visit www.habitat.org.

About Lowe's

Lowe's is a proud supporter of Habitat for Humanity International, American Red Cross, SkillsUSA/Skills Canada, and The Nature Conservancy, in addition to numerous non-profit organizations and programs that help communities in North America. In 2009, Lowe's and the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation together contributed more than \$30 million to support community and education projects in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Lowe's also encourages volunteerism through the Lowe's Heroes program, a company-wide employee volunteer initiative. Lowe's is a FORTUNE® 50 company with fiscal year 2009 sales of \$47.2 billion and has more than 1,700 stores in the United States, Canada and Mexico. For more information, visit Lowe.com/community.