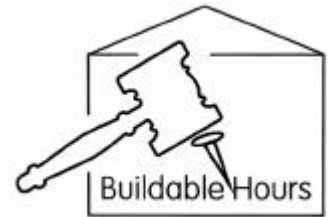


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WASHINGTON, D.C. LAW FIRMS JOIN D.C. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO DONATE "BUILDABLE HOURS" TO A LOCAL FAMILY

Washington, D.C., May 29, 2003. A group of law firms in the greater Washington area have joined together to participate in the second year of a community service summer program in conjunction with D.C. Habitat for Humanity called "Buildable Hours." The Buildable Hours team of law firms will provide fiscal and physical resources to build a Habitat home in Northeast Washington, D.C. beginning this Saturday.

The Buildable Hours project provides law firms with the opportunity to build upon the volunteer work that many associates and summer associates started at college chapters of Habitat for Humanity. Buildable Hours partners include major law firms such as: Latham & Watkins, Caplin & Drysdale, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, Alston & Bird, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, Dickstein Shapiro, Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner, Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, Miller & Chevalier, Patton Boggs, Paul Hastings, Piper Rudnick, Reed Smith Crosby Heafey, Shaw Pittman, Sidley Austin Brown & Wood and Steptoe & Johnson. The team grew this year to 17 participating firms from last year's original nine firms. The project has also expanded nationally with new Buildable Hours teams now in New York City and Los Angeles.

Each Buildable Hours partner is making a financial contribution to Habitat for Humanity. In addition, 10 to 15 attorneys, summer clerks, and staff from each law firm will work on the job site for one day. Participation will promote team building and give participating firms a unique sense of community involvement.

"Buildable Hours provides law firms and summer associates a unique way to relate to each other while making a lasting contribution to the community. The power of the program was demonstrated to us last summer when we saw summer clerks actually writing checks to Habitat," said Roger Goldman, Latham & Watkins partner and event organizer.

Elizabeth Dockery and her three sons will be working along side the Buildable Hours crew and community volunteers to complete their new home, which is scheduled for completion sometime this fall or winter. At the time she received word that she had been approved for a Habitat house, she and her sons had lived in public housing that was also the site of drug activity and violent crime. She applied for a house with Habitat for Humanity after becoming increasingly concerned for her sons' welfare and safety.

Law firm builds will take place on a number of dates from May through early August. (Media are encouraged to attend). The house is located at 54th and Clay Street, N.E. (corner of 56th and Clay streets). Our new Web site is up and running at www.buildablehours.com.

About D.C. Habitat for Humanity

The D.C. Habitat for Humanity helps to eliminate substandard housing in the Washington, D.C. area by building decent, affordable homes for those in need. As of May 2003, Habitat for Humanity has built and renovated 67 houses and 75 apartments – providing safe housing for approximately 300 people in the region. In addition, Habitat families receive no-interest, no profit mortgages – keeping home ownership within reach. In order to accomplish this, Habitat for Humanity partners with companies, churches, schools and community groups in the greater Washington area.

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