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Crossroads Church and Xavier University Celebrate Dedication of Habitat Rehab Project

A local family will soon call a rehabbed on home on Winkler Street in Mt. Auburn Home thanks to Crossroads Church and Xavier University Student Volunteers

CINCINNATI – On February 23, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati (www.habitatcincinnati.org) will celebrate the dedication of its first completed rehab home of 2013 located in the Mt. Auburn neighborhood. Crossroads Church members assisted with the demolition and reconstruction alongside Xavier University students and the home's future owner, Brandie Stallworth. Together, over 100 volunteers pitched in to help breathe new life into this dilapidated structure.

The dedication will take place at **10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 23 at 101 Winkler Street**. *The community and members of the news media are welcome and encouraged to attend.* Guests can expect to hear comments from Crossroads Church Leadership, Xavier University's Habitat Campus Chapter, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati and Brandie Stallworth. After a brief ceremony, all are welcome to tour the home and enjoy refreshments.

Over the past six years, Crossroads and Xavier volunteers have invested more than **35,000 hours** into the rehabilitation and construction of homes with Habitat Greater Cincinnati and have helped numerous families like Brandie achieve the dream of homeownership. Brandie, who has invested over 400 hours of sweat equity helping to who has three children has been working as a Nurse's Aid for Greystone Residential since 2002. She says "I am a very hard worker and being a single parent is a struggle everyday but I put my family first. Buying this home will be more affordable than the home I currently rent and will really give me and my children an opportunity to get ahead."

"The faithful volunteer and monetary support of our partners Crossroads and Xavier University is a true testament to the love and generosity that exists in the hearts of so many Greater Cincinnati citizens. For this project alone they donated over \$30,000 and this investment will mean a brighter future for Brandie and her family." Commented Marissa Abernathy and member of Crossroads church and Development Manager for Habitat Greater Cincinnati.

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About Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati is a non-profit Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate substandard housing by building and renovating simple, decent, affordable homes to sell to low-income families in need. Habitat works in equal partnership with families, volunteers and donors building a sense of community as well as affordable housing. Our partners include corporations, churches, foundations, organizations and individual donors who donate money, labor and materials to fund and build each home. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati has builds throughout a 9 county region in the Tri-State area including Hamilton, Butler, Clermont and Warren counties in Ohio; Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties in Kentucky; and Dearborn and Ohio counties in Indiana. For more information, visit www.habitatcincinnati.org.

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