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**Women Build of Fauquier Habitat for Humanity Holding
Plant Your Garden Day Event to Celebrate National Women Build Week**

Event at Sterling Court will help put finishing touches on soon-to-be-delivered homes

Warrenton, Va. – Fauquier Women Build is recognizing National Women Build Week at Fauquier Habitat for Humanity’s Sterling Court location in Warrenton with “Plant Your Garden Day” on May 7th from 9:00 – 11:00.

With three of the complex’s homes close to completion, Women Build will put the final landscaping touches in place for the soon-to-be new homeowners. Local vendors will be donating plants, flowers and mulch as part of the effort.

National Women Build Week, sponsored by Lowe’s, challenges U.S. women to devote at least one day to the effort to eliminate poverty housing. Women make a difference in their communities by building homes and raising awareness of local housing needs.

The event is typically held the week leading up to Mother’s Day. These dates are significant to many volunteers, as families with children make up a staggering number of those in need of adequate housing.

“The Women Build volunteers are an integral part of Fauquier Habitat for Humanity, bringing a vast array of talents and experience to the organization,” said Fauquier Habitat for Humanity’s Executive Director Brenda Drerenberger. “More importantly, Women Build offers women the opportunity to learn new skills in a non-intimidating environment, as well as an avenue to make new friends while making a lasting contribution to the community.”

Fauquier Women Build Co-chair Krista Coyner said the support between the two organizations is mutual. “The support that Women Build gets from the general volunteers at Fauquier Habitat for Humanity is instrumental in keeping this a very active committee,” she said. “They nurture us, guide us and show us how to build, rather than just getting the job done in our presence. Through their patience, I’ve learned how to be a better Habitat volunteer”

Kim Cybulski, also a co-chair of Fauquier Women Build, said the organization’s power is in the bonds it creates and the confidence it builds among the volunteers. “At first I saw Women Build as an opportunity to volunteer and learn new skills,” she explained. “As time went on, the bond of our goal and the depth of conviction in the Women Build members has enriched my life with new, caring friends, new skills taught by talented, patient men, and the joy of helping folks achieve their dream of home ownership.

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“I love to watch a new Women Builder use a power saw for the first time and gain a new confidence in an area,” she continued. “It’s just plain fun to be on the build site working on something so wonderful and being surrounded by friends.”

Several sponsors already have signed up to support Fauquier Women Build during National Women Build week. Travis Lane of Marshall, Va.-based LaneScapes pledged 6.5 yards of mulch to the Sterling Court “Plant Your Garden Day” effort. Rankin’s True Value Hardware is donating flowers. In addition, Old Town Athletic Club Owner Kim Forsten is holding a raffle for a \$100 gift certificate to a local nursery, with all proceeds going to Women Build.

If you are interested in getting involved with Fauquier Women Build or would like to attend the “Plant Your Garden Day” event please visit <http://fauquierhabitat.org> or contact us at info@fauquierhabitat.org or (540) 341-4952.

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About Fauquier Habitat for Humanity: Celebrating its 20th year, Fauquier Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with the Fauquier and Rappahannock County communities to eliminate the blight of poverty housing. Since 1991, it has built 40 homes and rehabilitated several others for deserving, low-income families that need a hand up. Like all Habitat for Humanity recipients, Fauquier Habitat for Humanity families pass a detailed qualification process, participate in a continuing education program, and invest hundreds of hours of their own labor into building their Habitat houses. Once they move in, they make regular mortgage payments and remain engaged in Habitat for Humanity’s ongoing education program as well as their community. Fauquier Habitat for Humanity is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International.