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## **Fauquier Habitat For Humanity Dedicates 6<sup>th</sup> Home Of 2011**

*Lacy family is 44<sup>th</sup> to purchase Fauquier Habitat For Humanity home*

**Warrenton, Va.** – Dozens of Fauquier Habitat for Humanity volunteers, board members and community members attended the dedication of the Lacy family's new home in Fauquier Habitat's Sterling Court development in a public ceremony held Saturday morning.

The Lacy family went to settlement and purchased the home on Friday, and moved in immediately following Saturday's dedication. The homeowners, who passed an extensive qualification process, attended required classes and put more than 400 volunteer hours into building their home, began paying their 30-year mortgage and local real estate taxes this month.

"I want to thank everyone who helped with the building of our home and supported us during the entire process," Pattie Lacy told those who gathered for the dedication. "You have no idea how much this means to our family."

Pattie, who has volunteered with Fauquier Habitat For Humanity for more than six years, will live in the house with husband Todd and two young daughters.

The seven-duplex subdivision in Sterling Court is the largest and most ambitious project undertaken in Fauquier Habitat's 20-year history. Once completed, 14 low-income families will have purchased decent, affordable housing.

With the Lacy family home complete, construction will pause until next spring, but the organization's work will continue uninterrupted, primarily in the form of fundraising. Besides traditional fundraising through corporate and private donors as well as events, Fauquier Habitat For Humanity plans to open a ReStore in the county by yearend. The ReStore will sell gently used furniture and home improvement supplies donated to the organization.

"We've dedicated six homes in 2011, meaning six area families have been freed from having to live in substandard housing," said Fauquier Habitat For Humanity Executive Director Brenda Drerenberger. "We're very pleased with our progress, but at the same time, we have a lot more work to do. After two straight years of building, we will put the tools down for a few months and focus on fundraising before getting back to building again come spring."

The Lacy home is the 44<sup>th</sup> built by Fauquier Habitat for Humanity. The organization also has renovated several other homes in its two-decade history.

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Fauquier Habitat For Humanity is always looking for volunteers and materials donations. For information on how you can support the organization's efforts, visit [www.fauquierhabitat.org](http://www.fauquierhabitat.org) or call 540-341-4952.

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**About Habitat for Humanity International:** Habitat for Humanity International ([www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)) 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 400,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than two million people.

**About Fauquier Habitat for Humanity:** Fauquier Habitat for Humanity ([www.fauquierhabitat.org](http://www.fauquierhabitat.org)) works in partnership with the Fauquier and Rappahannock County communities to eliminate the blight of poverty housing. Since 1991, it has built 44 homes and rehabilitated sever others for qualified, 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, the 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.

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