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Fauquier Resident Jon Pieja Taking Pledges For Run For A Roof Campaign Dedicated To Fauquier Habitat For Humanity

Warrenton, Va. – Fauquier County resident Jon Pieja is once again taking pledges for Run for a Roof, his campaign to raise money Fauquier Habitat for Humanity as part of his participation in the Marine Corps Marathon.

Donations are per miles completed in 26.2 mile event, which takes place October 30 in Washington, D.C. All proceeds raised by Pieja's campaign will be donated to Fauquier Habitat for Humanity and applied to its next building project, which is slated to start in Spring 2012.

“Knowing that my participation in the Marine Corps Marathon will benefit somebody in need in my own community gives me tremendous motivation,” said Pieja. “I’m honored to run for both my community and Fauquier Habitat.”

The 2011 Run for a Roof effort is Pieja’s second on behalf of Fauquier Habitat For Humanity. In 2008, his Marine Corps Marathon participation raised more than \$3,000.

Support for Fauquier Habitat For Humanity usually comes via direct donations of money, materials, or volunteer time. When Pieja approached Fauquier Habitat Executive Director Brenda Drerenberger with his idea to hold a second Run for a Roof campaign, she didn’t hesitate before accepting his offer.

“Fauquier Habitat relies on volunteers and donations to accomplish its goal of eliminating substandard housing from our community,” Drerenberger said. “We’re gratified that Jon has taken this unique, proactive approach to help support Fauquier Habitat.”

Pledges can be made via Fauquier Habitat’s website at <http://www.fauquierhabitat.org/run-for-a-roof>. Pledges can be made in a lump sum or on a per-mile basis based on the distance Pieja completes.

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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 500,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than two million people. For more information visit habitat.org.

About Fauquier Habitat for Humanity: Fauquier Habitat for Humanity (www.fauquierhabitat.org) works in partnership with the Fauquier and Rappahannock

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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 receipients 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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