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Seven New Board Members Poised To Help Lead Fauquier Habitat Into Its Third Decade of Service

Warrenton, Va. – Fauquier Habitat For Humanity’s 2012 Board of Directors has been announced, with seven new board members joining the organization. Newly elected to the board are Craig Andrews, a long time volunteer and former board member; Dana Pappas, CFO of Plow and Hearth; Sheri Thorpe, CPA; Kim Forsten, owner of Old Town Athletic Club; Michelle Winner, partner, McKinsey Development, Inc.; Cris Mitchell, Community Sales Associate, Richmond American Homes; Mark Williams, Attorney at Law; and Chris Headly, VP and Controller at The Fauquier Bank. Each new director will serve a three-year term.

The new board members join Kim Cybulski, Rosanne Gorkowski, Jim Hricko, John Suter, and Bob Towle as directors, as well as Kettle Run High School student Carly Anderson, who serves as a junior board member. Carly also works as a marketing assistant/intern with McKinsey Development.

“The new board members bring a wide range of key skills and business experience to our organization,” said Fauquier Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Brenda Drerenberger. “Combined with our continuing board members, we are well-positioned to enter our third decade of helping rid our community of substandard housing, one deserving family at a time.”

Fauquier Habitat dedicated four homes in 2011. After two straight years of building, the organization’s dedicated volunteers have put the tools down for a few months to focus on fundraising. Building in the organization’s current development, Warrenton’s Sterling Court, will resume in the spring.

As part of its 20th anniversary celebration finale, the organization launched an online Restore website at www.fauquierhabitatrestore.com. The online ReStore accepts donations of new or gently used home improvement items and sells them to the public at a fraction of the retail price. Besides offering products to the public at unbeatable prices, the ReStore also offers local builders and others an easy way to recycle products and materials. ReStore proceeds will cover Fauquier Habitat’s minimal administrative costs and help support building projects throughout Fauquier and Rappahannock counties.

For information on Fauquier Habitat For Humanity, visit www.fauquierhabitat.org or call 540 341 4952.

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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 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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