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Family will receive keys to new Habitat for Humanity home in Yucaipa, CA

Yucaipa, CA – On Saturday, November 19th, Debbie Steen and her daughter will receive the keys to their Habitat for Humanity home during a special home dedication ceremony.

Habitat for Humanity San Bernardino Area will celebrate the construction of its 24th home at a dedication ceremony on Saturday, November 19th at 10:00am, 12620 Serrano Dr. Yucaipa, CA. Debbie Steen, new homeowner, gives thanks to all those who worked so hard to help them reach this goal. “It is so amazing to see all the people who have been so gracious to give of their time to help me,” says Debbie. “This could not have been done without all the support from the Habitat volunteers.”

Construction began in June 2011 on Habitat’s second renovated home, and groups of volunteers have been working hard on the job site every Saturday, with Debbie by their side. As one of the requirements for homeownership, Debbie had to complete 300 hours of “sweat-equity,” which included working on her home and in the Habitat ReStore. Friends and family assisted Debbie in completing her 300 hours, making her homeownership possible. Another requirement is Homeowner Education Classes, which includes the completion of life skills training workshop to learn how to manage personal finances and budgeting.

Construction is now complete and the Steen’s will be given their keys along with a hearty welcome to their new home.

“The Steen family is a perfect example of the persons we strive to serve. Debbie and her daughter lost everything in a home fire a couple of years ago. They are currently living in sub-standard housing in an unstable neighborhood. She’s a hardworking single mother who makes every effort to provide for her daughter and meet normal living expenses. However, the likelihood of homeownership would be beyond her means without the intervention of the Habitat program,” says Executive Director MaryRose Wallace. “We are eternally grateful to all our donors and the volunteers who contributed to this effort to

make it possible for the Steen family to move into their home just before the Holiday Season.”

Through monetary and material donations, and volunteer labor, Habitat for Humanity San Bernardino Area was able to rehabilitate the home and sell it at an affordable price. The Steen family purchased the home with a no-profit and no-interest loan, and the monthly mortgage payments will be used to build more Habitat homes.

About Habitat for Humanity San Bernardino Area, Inc.

Habitat for Humanity San Bernardino Area (HFH SBA) is the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a faith-based nonprofit organization with the mission to eliminate poverty housing. The local affiliate services the communities of: Loma Linda, Redlands, San Bernardino, Highland, Fontana, Yucaipa, Colton, Bloomington, Rialto, Grand Terrace, Mentone, Lake Arrowhead and the High Desert. So far a total of 24 houses have been built by HFH SBA since 1992.

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