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**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SAN BERNARDINO AREA, INC.
OPENS A HOME IMPROVEMENT STORE**

(LOMA LINDA – 07/28/2011) Habitat for Humanity San Bernardino Area, Inc. will host a grand opening for its new home improvement store called ReStore on Saturday, August 13th at 25948 Business Center Drive, Loma Linda. The program is from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm and the festivities will be kicked off by DJ Vic Slick from KOLA 99.9. This event is open to the public.

Opening in a new 25, 970 square foot facility in Loma Linda, the Habitat for Humanity San Bernardino Area (HFH SBA) ReStore has opened its doors to the general public. The Habitat ReStore carries a wide variety of products, such as building materials, bathroom vanities, roofing supplies, construction tools, appliances, and furniture. Store hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

The Habitat ReStore provides a convenient way to help HFH SBA and the local

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community. The ReStore "takes home improvement items, both new and used, and sells them to fund the building of new homes," said Rick Rodriguez, Manager of the Habitat ReStore.

The ReStore aims to provide local residents with the opportunity to purchase goods at a low cost. The crux of the Habitat Restore's mission is to raise capital to finance the construction of homes in the local community.

"The ReStore – it's a good thing for the community...we basically sell stuff to help build houses" said Gilbert Galacia, Assistant Manger of the Habitat Restore.

"I wanted to help the people with the dream of owning a home," Rodriguez said. "I'd like to see the community stand together and back the program so we can be successful in helping as many people as possible."

With the Habitat ReStore now in business, HFH SBA has an additional source of income to help pay for construction and property acquisition of homes. Currently, HFH SBA is seeking funding for development, construction, and materials costs for four homes in North San Bernardino and two homes in Grand Terrace.

Additionally the ReStore is an environmentally conscious and socially responsible way to shop. In essence the Habitat ReStore serves the community as a recycling center to keep good, reusable materials out of the local landfills and is put to reuse.

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At this event there will be many festivities featured, such as a performance from the 11th Street Blues band, a mini car show, and a community vendor area. Also, there will be a BBQ, giveaways and a KOLA 99.9 raffle by DJ Vic Slick in which several prizes including a grand prize for tickets to the Sade & John Legend concert at the Citizens Bank Arena will be given away.

The ReStore accepts donations of household items and appliances during business hours. To arrange a pickup, call the Habitat office at 909 – 799 - 6738. All donations made to the HFH SBA ReStore are tax deductible.

About Habitat for Humanity San Bernardino Area, Inc.

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, Running Springs, Lake Arrowhead, Crestline, Apple Valley, Victorville and Adelanto. So far a total of 24 houses have been built by HFH SBA since 1992.

The San Bernardino Area affiliate also takes cash donations and property donations. For more information about donations visit www.habitat4humanity.net and click donation options.

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