



## Greater Portland *Women Build* Kicks Off It's Fundraising with a Wall Raising Event in Freeport

*All Day Event of Women Coming Together In Support of One Another, In Support of Community.*

**Freeport ME, October 29, 2011** – To kick-off its fundraising efforts, the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland *Women Build* committee has planned a special Wall-Raising event to support the construction of a home on South St. in Freeport. This house will be the home to a single mom and her two daughters. The event begins at 9am at the site on South Street in Freeport. Limited \$100 tickets are available for this event which includes 3 hours on site, a *Women Build* t-shirt, tickets to the evening Contra Dance, advertisement and photo opportunities for you and your business, and entry into a drawing for \$1,000. There are also \$50.00 tickets for this event, which include a Women Build t-shirt, entry to the building site and a photo opportunity. Come out and support Women Build and help us to build a brighter world, one nail at a time. **To purchase tickets to this exclusive Build Event contact Tina Hendricks at [success@lipgloss4lives.com](mailto:success@lipgloss4lives.com) or 207-837-9192.**

The kick-off continues late into the day with a family-friendly **Contra Dance** from 6-9pm at the Freeport Community Center located at 53 Depot Street. Tickets for this event are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and a \$25 maximum for families. The event will include dessert, dancing, costumes and prizes! Tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

### **About *Women Build***

*Women Build* brings together women from all walks of life to address the housing crisis facing millions of women and children worldwide. The mission statement for this *Women Build* initiative states: *"By providing hope and working together, Women Build is women empowering women by uniting as volunteers, donors and neighbors in support of the common goal that affordable housing for deserving families in need is attainable in our local community."*

It all began in 1991 with a group of women in Charlotte, North Carolina completing the first women-built Habitat for Humanity house. With this event, the seeds for Habitat for Humanity's *Women Build* program were planted. In 2004, Lowe's became the official underwriter of the *Women Build* program. As of the beginning of 2010, *Women Build* volunteers have helped build more than 1,650 houses. A record 252 *Women Build* homes went up in 2009. To date *Women Build* events have helped to construct more than 1,900 houses. The program continues to grow across international borders, empowering women everywhere to address poverty housing for themselves, their families and their neighbors.

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**About Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland**

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland, an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, is a nonprofit Christian organization dedicated to eliminating poverty housing. Habitat for Humanity brings together people with resources and people in need to build simple, decent, affordable houses. The houses are sold to those in need through affordable, no interest mortgages. HFHGP was founded in 1985 and has built 53 homes in the Greater Portland community.

**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, rehabilitated, repaired or improved more than 500,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than two million people. For more information, or to donate or volunteer, visit [Habitat.org](http://Habitat.org).