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**SECOND ANNUAL WORLD'S BIGGEST HOUSE PARTY SEEKS HOSTS TO  
RAISE FUNDS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN SE MICHIGAN**

**DETROIT** – Everyone in Michigan is suffering with this economy, but it seems that those who have less are suffering more. Hundreds of families across Southeastern Michigan are living in dangerous, dilapidated or overcrowded housing conditions. This year, Habitat for Humanity affiliates are coming together to hold a unique fundraiser on either Oct. 3 or Oct. 4 to raise money to give a hand up, not a hand out, to families in need of decent and safe homes.

The premise for the event is that instead of holding one party at one location, hosts will sign on to hold parties at their individual homes, all on the same weekend, Oct. 3 or Oct. 4, collecting donations from guests while enjoying themselves with their family and friends. All proceeds will go to help Habitat build homes in Southeastern Michigan. The more hosts that register to have parties the bigger the “Biggest House Party” will be.

Habitat for Humanity, founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, is a nonprofit housing organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide. Habitat uses volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations to build safe, decent, affordable houses that are sold to families at no profit, financed with affordable, no-interest loans. Homeowners’ monthly mortgage payments are recycled into a

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revolving fund used to build more houses.

This is a unique opportunity to make an impact on the lives of families living in frightening housing conditions right here in our own communities. This great event can be held anywhere – places of worships, homes, schools, work places, any place where people can gather –enjoying time with family, friends and neighbors, while helping those in need.

Last year at the “House Party” event on Nov. 8, partygoers raised money that supported new homes and new lives for 11 local families.

This year the “House Party” Volunteer Committee will again coach each house party host on giving a party and provide them with a toolbox of marketing materials, party resources, and special offers to help them personalize their parties and make them successful.

Visit [www.worldsbiggesthouseparty.org](http://www.worldsbiggesthouseparty.org) to become a host and get tips on throwing cocktail parties, elegant or casual dinner parties, theme parties, and much more. And then party on knowing that you are helping build a better Southeastern Michigan where all families have a decent place to live. Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Detroit, Huron Valley, Lenawee, Macomb and Oakland are participating in this event.

To find out more call (248) 338-1843 or visit [www.worldsbiggesthouseparty.org](http://www.worldsbiggesthouseparty.org).

### **About Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller and is a nonprofit housing organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide and to make adequate affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat uses volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations to build simple, decent houses, with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. These houses are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable, no-interest loans. Homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are recycled into a revolving fund for Habitat that is used to build more houses. Families in need apply to local Habitat affiliates, where a selection committee considers applicants' level of need, their willingness to become partners in the Habitat program and their ability to repay the no-interest loan. Every affiliate follows a nondiscriminatory policy of family selection. Neither race nor religion is a factor in choosing Habitat homeowner families.