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Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, MO and Lowe's invite women to volunteer during National Women Build Week: Women to build homes nationwide in partnership with future homeowners May 6 - 12, 2017

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, MO (HFHS) and Lowe's invite women to build alongside future homeowners during the 10th annual National Women Build Week, May 6 through 14. HFHS is one of 300 Habitat organizations nationwide hosting Women Build projects during the week with support from Lowe's, a longtime partner in the event.

The 2017 Women Build in Springfield is a home renovation for a new HFHS partner homebuyer. During the project, local volunteers are needed to complete the home renovation Wednesday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. build schedule. No construction skills are necessary to participate in this year's project. Volunteers must be 16 years or older.

National Women Build Week brings together women to devote at least one day to building decent and affordable housing in their local communities. Nearly 100,000 women from all 50 states have volunteered in previous years.

"We are excited to participate in National Women Build Week," said Larry Peterson, executive director of HFHS. "This is a great opportunity for women of all skill levels to come together to help a family renovate a decent and affordable place they can call home"

Lowe's helped launch [National Women Build Week](#) in 2008. Each year, the company provides the support of [Lowe's Heroes volunteers and](#) conducts how-to clinics at stores to teach volunteers construction skills. This year, Lowe's contributed nearly \$2 million to National Women Build Week. Since its partnership began in 2003, Lowe's has committed more than \$63 million to Habitat and helped nearly 6,500 families improve their living conditions.

No construction skills are necessary to participate in this year's project. To volunteer or donate, call 417-829-4001 or email info@habitatspringfieldmo.org. For more information on National Women Build Week, visit Habitat.org/wb

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About Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, Missouri

Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, Missouri (HFHS) believes every person in the Springfield and surrounding area deserves a decent place to live. As an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, HFHS impacts more than 130 households a year. Since 1988, HFHS has either built or renovated more than 490 homes, providing shelter for more than 998 men, women and children from Greene, Christian, and Webster Counties by helping people gain strength, stability and independence through housing, including home construction, rehabilitation and repairs and by increasing access to improved shelter

through products and programs. HFHS is a United Way of the Ozarks partner agency. Learn more, including official word marks and images, at habitatspringfieldmo.org/newsroom or at [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

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About Habitat for Humanity International

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 as a grassroots effort on a community farm in southern Georgia. The Christian housing organization has since grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in nearly 1,400 communities throughout the U.S. and in more than 70 countries. Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, visit habitat.org.

About Lowe's in the Community

Lowe's, a FORTUNE® 50 home improvement company, has a 50-year legacy of supporting the communities it serves through programs that focus on K-12 public education and community improvement projects. Since 2007, Lowe's and the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation together have contributed more than \$250 million to these efforts, and for more than two decades Lowe's Heroes employee volunteers have donated their time to make our communities better places to live. To learn more, visit [Lowe's Open House](#) digital newsroom or follow [@LoweMedia](#) on Twitter.

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