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News Release

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Running through Woodland Heights: new route set for 9th annual Habitat Home Run

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – For the first time in Springfield’s history, a charity fun run will be held north of Commercial Street in the Woodland Heights Neighborhood. Habitat for Humanity’s annual Habitat Home Run, a 5k, 10k, and 1 mile run, features an all-new race route through the Woodland Heights to raise awareness for the organizations’ Neighborhood Revitalization efforts as its newest partner neighborhood.

- **Event:** Habitat Home Run - 10k, 5k, 1 mile fun run
- **Date:** Saturday, August 26, 2017
- **Time:** Run begins at 7:00 a.m., after party events will begin at 8:00 a.m.
- **Location:** Lafayette Park (202 E. Atlantic) in Woodland Heights Neighborhood
- **Registration:** www.habitatspringfieldmo.org or at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore

In an effort to continue to bring awareness and resources to Woodland Heights, run organizers opted to bring race participants directly to the community being impacted by funds raised through race registrations and sponsorships. Along the race route, runners will see homes that have been repaired and a community being revitalized by Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, MO (HFHS), volunteers, and many community partners. Revitalization efforts include:

- Homes that have been painted during two Rock the Block neighborhood cleanup events.
- Landscaped yards through partnership with Habitat's "A Brush with Kindness" program
- A community garden created in partnership with Reed Academy, Springfield Community Gardens, and Woodland Heights Neighborhood
- Charlie Norr Community Center located next to Lafayette Park

“We’re inviting the community to make an impact in Woodland Heights,” said Larry Peterson, executive director of HFHS. “Runners will see firsthand how Neighborhood Revitalization is making an impact in the lives of residents of Woodland Heights.”

All proceeds from the Habitat Home Run benefit Habitat’s Neighborhood Revitalization efforts in Woodland Heights & 40+ children’s charities of the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper.

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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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