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Family of Five Given Keys to Habitat for Humanity Home
Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland Welcomes New Family Home

Riverdale, MD— On Saturday, November 19th, 2016, Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland, Inc. (HFHMM) hosted around 50 members of the community as they dedicated their fourth home in Prince George’s County. Volunteers, community supporters, sponsors, and friends of the family, joined together to ceremoniously welcome the family into their new home. The celebration included a ribbon-cutting and allowed members of the community to tour the home and visit with the family, as well as Habitat volunteers and staff.

The new homeowners are a family of five – father, mother, and three children ages, 7, 3, and 2. Mr. and Mrs. Burka were both born in Ethiopia and have been residing with their children in an apartment in Hyattsville for over seven years. When asked how their lives will change, Mr. Burka responded, “We will be a very happy family, we are going to have a backyard so my kids can play in a very safe place, and they are going to have their own rooms. It will be fantastic”.

The home, located in Riverdale, was a vacant and foreclosed property, which HFHMM purchased and rehabilitated.

HFHMM’s mission is to provide affordable housing solutions to low-income families living or working in Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties. The new homeowner applied for the home and went through a homeownership process facilitated through HFHMM. He qualified based on his income, as HFHMM serves families making between 30 – 60% of Area Median Income (AMI), and completed all the of the homeownership requirements including, sweat-equity, homebuyer education workshops, and financial literacy classes.

About Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland

Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland, Inc. (HFHMM) is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Since 1982, HFHMM has partnered with the community and low-income families living in substandard conditions, to provide simple, decent, affordable housing solutions. HFHMM supports the notion that good, stable housing matters for neighborhoods. Better quality of living leads to stronger citizens and families. Habitat for Humanity is about changing lives, one home at a time. Visit our website at www.HabitatMM.org.

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