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Habitat Home is Dedicated to Family of Five

The Ousman Family Celebrates their Completed Home with the Community

SILVER SPRING, MD (June 19, 2017) — On Saturday, June 17th, 2017, Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland (HFHMM) hosted around 50 members of the community as they dedicated a home in Burtonsville to the Ousman family. Volunteers, community supporters, sponsors, and friends of the family joined together to welcome the family into their new home. The celebration included a ribbon-cutting ceremony and allowed members of the community to tour the home and visit with the family, as well as Habitat volunteers and staff.

As part of a community of 24 Habitat townhomes, the newly dedicated house has a unique story. Previously occupied by a Habitat homeowner who decided to purchase another home, she wanted to use the accrued equity by selling the house back to HFHMM. Teams of volunteers and corporate sponsors, including teams from HFHMM's Women Build event, refurbished the home from top to bottom, giving it a fresh start. The homebuyers-to-be, Mr. and Mrs. Ousman, also worked to make purchasing the home a reality. They completed 300 "sweat equity hours" on site, in the affiliate office, and in homebuyer workshops.

Kedir Ousman and his wife Amina have known each other since childhood growing up in neighboring towns in Ethiopia. Amina was the first to immigrate to the U.S., followed some years later by Kedir. Yet, they returned to Ethiopia to marry. After travelling between the U.S. and Ethiopia for a few years Kedir made the decision to become a permanent U.S. resident. He and his Wife Amina have three small children, two daughters and a son. Kedir spoke at the home dedication, giving his thanks to all those involved, and expressing his gratitude for having the opportunity to purchase a stable home for his family.

HFHMM's mission is to provide affordable housing solutions to low-income families living or working in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. The Ousmans applied for and qualified for this home and went through an extensive homeownership process facilitated by HFHMM. HFHMM looks forward to partnering with more families like the Ousmans as they work to ensure that all community members have access to safe and affordable housing.

About Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland

Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland, Inc. (HFHMM) is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International that serves Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland. Since 1982, HFHMM has partnered with the community and low-income families living in substandard conditions to provide decent and 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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