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## **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento Celebrates 30 Years of Building Hope and Homes in Sacramento and Yolo County**

**SACRAMENTO, CA** – This year, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento (HfHGS) will be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Habitat for Humanity affiliate. To commemorate this milestone event, HfHGS has invited K-LOVE radio to join us by inviting listeners to see what we do by attending the Home Dedication Ceremony for the Ross Family, the 124<sup>th</sup> completed Habitat home in Sacramento..

**Where:** 7114 Indian Lane Sacramento, CA

**When:** Building from 7:30am-3:30pm (ideal build shots from 8am-9:45am and 11:30am-3:30pm)

Home Dedication from 10am-11am (keys being handed over to the family, ribbon cutting)

### **About the Ross Family:**

Eric and Jasmyne Ross have twin boys – Evan and Eric Jr who are 19 months old. The twins, due to a very difficult pregnancy, are nothing short of a miracle.

When Jasmyne was pregnant with Eric and Evan, they were told by multiple hospitals that in order for Evan to survive that they would need to cut Eric’s umbilical cord which due to its location was reversing blood flow. Says Jasmyne, “[When we heard this], that we would have to make a choice [between which son would live]. My husband was infuriated and said it was in God’s hands and we left in search of a second opin-ion.”

After several surgeries and many months in the hospital following their births, the boys were able to come home on Jasmyne’s birthday. Says Jasmyne, “It was the best birth-day to date.” Eric currently works at Safeway while Jasmyne takes care of the twins. The family of four lives in a cramped one-bedroom apartment. Both Jasmyne and Eric contributed over 500 hours building their new Habitat home and will now enjoy a 0% interest mortgage.

Their new Habitat home will be a brand new 3-bedroom, 2-bath home on Habitat’s ambitious 14-unit Indian Lane project.

Says Jasmyne, “The road was long, but here we are today trying to buy a home for our lovely boys. We are willing to work as hard as possible to achieve our goals and the things they need...everything we do is for them.”

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**About the Indian Lane Project:** The Indian Lane project is Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento's largest and most ambitious project to date. The project will eventually feature 14 homes all of which are built to LEED-Platinum Certifications by the United States Green Building Council. The project is also a Transit-Oriented Development due to its location being directly across the street from the Florin Road Light Rail Station. It is currently the only project of its kind in all of Sacramento County. The Ross family's home will be the 12<sup>th</sup> home completed on the Indian Lane project while volunteers continue to work on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> homes which will be completed before the end of the year. To date, this project has hosted well over 2,000 volunteers.

### **About the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

In 30 years, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento has

- Built 123 homes in the Greater Sacramento area (Ross family's will be the 124<sup>th</sup>)
- Built 265 homes in Nicaragua (its sister title country abroad).
- Hosted over 30,000 volunteers who have put in over 500,000 hours
- Helped over 1,200 children by providing them with a safe, decent, affordable place to call home.

In next 30 years, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento hopes to:

- Accelerate the number of families served each year
- Increase our impact on the community through innovative programs like Neighborhood Revitalization efforts in high-need areas like Del Paso Heights, Oak Park, and South Sacramento.
- Continue to change lives and make our community a better, safer place for everyone.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento is a leading innovator in Green Building and recently received LEED-Platinum Certification by the US Green Building Council on all 9 of its completed homes on the ambitious Indian Lane Development (an all-LEED, Transit-Oriented multi-unit Habitat development in South Sacramento).

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**About Habitat for Humanity for Humanity of Greater Sacramento:** Established in 1985, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento is a 501(c)3 nonprofit local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Habitat for Humanity's mission is to put love into action by bringing people together to build hope, homes, and communities. [www.HabitatGreaterSac.org](http://www.HabitatGreaterSac.org) ##