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**500 Volunteers to Gather in Martinez in Marathon Building Event
for Habitat for Humanity**

Martinez, Calif., June 2, 2015 -- More than 500 volunteers will descend on Habitat for Humanity's "Muir Ridge" 20-home development June 5-8 for a massive building marathon that will see four months' worth of construction achieved in just four days. A total of seven homes will be framed from slab to roof, a construction feat that, in itself, would normally take at least four months. The visual effect is one of an old-fashioned barn-raising, with houses ascending from the ground seemingly overnight.

The event begins Friday, June 5, with 150 executives and employees from a range of Bay Area companies, including Cisco, PG&E, Charles Schwab, and Grifols among many others, who will lead off with an Executive Build day. The rest of the weekend, June 6-8, will welcome the faith-based community. An anonymous donor has put up \$150,000 as a challenge to the faith community -- Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Jews -- to pick up a hammer and come together to help provide affordable homes to hardworking families. Dubbed the "Building on Faith Framing Blitz," this is the largest building event of the year, and the largest All Faith Build with Habitat East Bay/Silicon Valley to date. The weekend's slogan is "Putting Faith into Action." More than 25 congregations from across the East Bay will participate.

"Habitat East Bay/Silicon Valley is excited for this year's blitz build and all the community support that is rallying around affordable ownership housing right now," said Janice Jensen, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley. "The 20-home Muir Ridge community is one of several multi-unit developments in our future pipeline and having hundreds of volunteers come together to help us frame seven homes in four days really gives us a boost and keeps us on time and on budget! It's a tremendous gift and the future homeowners share our gratitude."

Each day's build will kick off at 8:15 with a program featuring various speakers, including future Habitat homeowners at the development.

About Muir Ridge: Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley's Muir Ridge development is located in the Vine Hill community of central Contra Costa County. To be completed in two phases throughout 2015 and 2016, a total of 20 three- and four-bedroom homes will be sold at an affordable cost to qualified families with limited incomes, offering working families the opportunity and stability of homeownership.

About Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley: As an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, Habitat EBSV's mission is to bring people together to build homes, communities, and hope. They revitalize neighborhoods, build affordable and sustainable housing solutions, and empower families through successful homeownership. Since 1986, Habitat EBSV has partnered with volunteers, the community, and qualified families with limited incomes to strengthen communities in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara Counties. Habitat EBSV is proud to be honored as an "Affiliate of Distinction" by Habitat for Humanity International. For more information, please visit HabitatEBSV.org or call 866.450.4432.

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