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First Lady Barbara Richardson voices her support for Habitat for Humanity and Lowe's for contributions

SANTA FE- First Lady Barbara Richardson this holiday season is lending her support to Habitat for Humanity and urging New Mexicans to do the same.

"Most of us will spend the holidays this year in a comfortable home with friends and family," said First Lady Barbara Richardson. "But even in our own communities, there are families who will spend the holidays in need of a decent shelter."

This holiday season Lowe's will be launching a campaign, November 7 - December 12, in their stores in which customers can choose to donate to Habitat for Humanity. Fifty percent of what the store raises will stay at the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate and the other fifty percent goes back to Habitat International.

"I applaud Habitat for Humanity and the great contributors of Lowe's stores," said Mrs. Richardson.

Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouses are located throughout New Mexico in Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Farmington and Santa Fe.

Habitat for Humanity is helping people in need to build a better future for their families. Volunteers work alongside partner families to build simple, decent houses. Through the generosity of individual donors, businesses, houses of worship and other sponsors, Habitat is able to sell the houses to partner families with no-profit, no-interest mortgages. Those mortgage payments go into a 'revolving fund' to build more houses.

“Imagine how many more families could be in decent homes of their own at this time next year, if more of us give of our time and resources,” said the First Lady. One opportunity to give is the ‘Homes for the Holidays’ campaign, which offers the opportunity to donate to Habitat for Humanity as you checkout at your local Lowe’s store. Your donation will help build houses in your community and around the world.”

“This year as we open gifts, I’ll think of all the new Habitat for Humanity homeowners who are celebrating the holidays in a decent home of their own for the very first time. Perhaps the greatest gift they will have given their children this year is a safe and healthy home where their children can thrive and grow.”

Habitat for Humanity, along with Lowe’s, will dedicate a newly built home tomorrow, Saturday, November 20, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at 618 James Ave NW in Albuquerque.

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