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Star Lumber will Break Ground on a Habitat Home for a Local Family

Star Lumber and the Goebel Family Foundation have sponsored their second home with the local Habitat affiliate.

WICHITA, Kan. . A special groundbreaking ceremony will take place on Wed., Aug. 19 at 4:30 p.m. to celebrate Star Lumber & Supply and the Goebel Family Foundation's generous gift of \$60,000 to sponsor the direct construction costs a simple, decent and affordable home for a local family.

Patrick Goebel, VP of Sales and Marketing at Star Lumber & Supply Co., said, "Star Lumber has had a special relationship with Wichita Habitat for Humanity over the years. Star's business is built upon Wichitans realizing their dream of home ownership. Habitat successfully helps those who could not financially realize this dream by enabling local families to achieve affordable homeownership through hard work, discipline and partnership. Habitat is a great example of an organization that teaches people how to break the cycle of poverty, which has long-lasting effects on not only their lives but also on the lives of their children and future generations. In addition to sponsoring and building this home, Star has made numerous donations to the ReStore, sponsored and built a house in 2004 and has several active board and committee members serving the organization."

What: Star Lumber/Goebel Family Foundation Groundbreaking
When: **Aug. 19, 2009**
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Where: **510 32nd Circle N. in Edgebrook Village** (one block east of N. Arkansas & 33rd. Parking available north of 33rd)
Who: Habitat partner family, representatives from Star Lumber and the Goebel Family Foundation, volunteers, civic leaders, media representatives, Wichita Habitat for Humanity board and staff and the community.

Partner family and representatives from Star Lumber and Wichita Habitat for Humanity will be available for interviews.

Linda Stewart, executive director, commented on the partnership, "We offer our deep appreciation to Star Lumber and the Goebel Family Foundation for their generosity to sponsor a home for the Alston family. Their support goes well beyond the sponsorship of this one home as they also are involved in providing building materials at partnership prices for many of our homes. In addition, Star Lumber also partners with the Wichita Area Builders Association for their annual Habitat house sponsorship. We are extremely grateful for the Goebel Family Foundation and Star Lumber's commitment to our mission of providing simple, decent and affordable homes to local families."

Construction will take place on the home October 8-31 and many Star Lumber employees will participate as volunteers.

Insert About Star Lumber & Supply Company, Inc.

Star Lumber is a locally owned family business employing over 400 employees throughout Kansas & Oklahoma with 4 locations in Wichita, one in Hutchinson, Salina, Manhattan, Topeka and Oklahoma City. Star's mission is to *"to lead our industry by providing the best value in quality products and customer service for the construction, improvement and maintenance of the home. We will make fair profits and be a respected community citizen."* Star is proud of our long-term partnership with Habitat and look forward to completing this home in the spirit of that mission. For more information please visit www.starlumber.com.

About Wichita Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity International is a non-profit ecumenical Christian housing ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in Americus, Ga., in 1976, Habitat has built more than 300,000 houses in nearly 100 countries, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1 million people. Habitat homes are sold at no profit and purchased by low-income households through no-profit 0%-interest mortgages. The local Wichita Habitat for Humanity affiliate, founded in 1986, has built 110 homes in the Sedgwick County area and sponsored the construction of 66 international homes. The organization has plans to build at least 16 homes in 2009. For more information, visit www.wichitahabitat.org.

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