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Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County Receives a \$15,000 Grant

(Plano)— Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County accepted a \$15,000 grant from the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC) today. Accepting the check for Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County was Executive Director, Dick Taylor. The grant award was presented by Plano Mayor Pro Tem Lissa Smith, Bill Albers, TSAHC Advisory Council Member and David Long, TSAHC President.

"We are honored to be a part of the great work Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County is doing to keep families in their homes and communities," said Bill Albers, Advisory Council Member of Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation. "We are pleased to be able to support their efforts with a Texas Foundations Fund award that will allow them to provide much needed home repairs to more families this year."

The grant is part of TSAHC's Texas Foundations Fund Program. Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County will use the award to provide critical repairs to up to two homes as part of their Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Repairs will include HVAC, plumbing, septic, electrical, roofing, window, exterior door, and porches/entryway repairs and replacements, as well as accessibility enhancements, as needed. The organization has also secured \$50,000 in additional grants and donations to supplement their Texas Foundations Fund award.

"We are so pleased that Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County has been selected by TSAHC as a grant recipient this year," said Mr. Taylor "These families are struggling to make desperately needed repairs to their homes, and this grant from TSAHC will help us provide them."

Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County received one of 16 grants awarded this year across the state by TSAHC as part of the Texas Foundations Fund Program. Eligible grant applicants were nonprofit organizations and rural government entities. Specifically, grants were awarded for the construction, rehabilitation and/or critical repair of owner-occupied single family homes and for the provision of supportive services in multifamily housing. Altogether, the grants awarded in this round of the Texas Foundations Fund Program will help nearly 1,500 very low income families and individuals throughout Texas access and preserve affordable homeownership opportunities or supportive housing services.

Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC) is a non-profit organization created at the direction of the Texas Legislature in 1994 for the promotion of public health, safety and welfare through the provision of safe, decent and affordable housing for low-income Texans and other underserved populations. Through the development and administration of innovative and unique housing programs, TSAHC facilitates affordable housing primarily for Texans who do not have comparable options through conventional financial channels.

Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County (HfH-SCC) is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities and hope. HfH-SCC is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. Habitat for Humanity was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety, and that decent shelter in decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all.

HfH-SCC has constructed 80 new, decent & affordable houses since 1998 in southern Collin County, transforming the lives of 248 deserving Partner Family members, including 143 children. In the last two years alone, 151 projects for low-income families in the community were completed, including 14 new houses constructed & 137 home repair/rehabilitation projects. 4 new houses are currently under construction. While these are major milestones for our organization, the need continues to grow. It is only with community support that we can continue to address the need for safe & affordable housing in our community.

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