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Media Advisory

Home is where the heart is

After donning a hard hat Arapahoe County Commissioner Pat Noonan along with Commissioner Susan Beckman will dedicate two Habitat for Humanity homes, Feb. 9

On Saturday, the first duplex of an eight home Habitat for Humanity project in Englewood will receive their owners. The homes were developed with the assistance of Arapahoe County HOME funds.

For Gail Hamilton this celebration is particularly special. Although blind, Hamilton participated fully in the volunteer homeowner requirements and even pounded nails on the roof of her new home. Kris Clay, a hardworking single mother, will be purchasing the other home.

The event is the culmination of the fruits of hard labor. In late November, Arapahoe County assembled a team of volunteers, including Commissioner Pat Noonan, and spent a day donating their time to work on the homes.

What: Habitat for Humanity Dedication

Where: 2079 W. Vassar Ave.
Denver, CO 80110 (in City of Englewood)

When: Saturday, Feb. 9
10 a.m.

Who: Arapahoe County Commissioners Pat Noonan and Susan Beckman, new homeowners Gail Hamilton and Kris Clay

Each year Arapahoe County receives funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to be used for the development, rehabilitation or acquisition of attainable housing in our community. In 2007, a portion of the funds, \$260,000, was given to Habitat for Humanity to acquire a property in Englewood to build eight homes (four duplexes).

Habitat for Humanity provides homes with low mortgage payments to stable, income eligible families. Families selected for the homes are chosen by Habitat for Humanity based on housing need, income, stability and ability to repay their mortgage. The new homeowner must contribute 500 hours toward building their home, along with many community volunteers and sponsor support.

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