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Palouse Habitat for Humanity re-opens applications for 2023 home

Moscow, Idaho. (January 3, 2023) — Palouse Habitat for Humanity has re-opened the application period the 2023 home in Palouse, WA. Please spread the word!

The deadline for applications is 5:00 pm Tuesday, January 31st. Program information and application packets are available online at palousehabitat.org/apply, at the Habitat office at 306 N. Main Street in Moscow, 208-883-8502, director@palousehabitat.org.

"Most of our applicants apply because they were encouraged by friends, family, bosses, co-workers. I'm hoping the community will help us get the word out and encourage people they know to apply" shared Jennifer Wallace, Executive Director of Palouse Habitat. "Homeownership is a game-changer in someone's life. It's likely someone you know needs a Habitat home."

Habitat builds homes for individuals and families in need of decent, affordable housing. Habitat homeowners must fall in the 30-60% Area Median Income range (specific income figures available online at palousehabitat.org), contribute \$1000 towards the closing costs, and invest 300-500 hours of "sweat-equity" helping build the home alongside volunteers over the 10 months it takes Palouse Habitat to complete a home. The Habitat homeowner then purchases the home from Habitat with a zero-interest, income-based mortgage.

To qualify, applicants must face some kind of challenge in their current living situation (rent over 30% of monthly income, structural issues, overcrowding, etc); currently live or work in Latah or Whitman county, demonstrate willingness to partner with Habitat, and meet Habitat income guidelines. During the selection process, Habitat verifies income sources, conducts background and credit checks, completes interviews and site visits. As part of the program, Habitat homeowners learn about budgeting, home care and maintenance.

About Palouse Habitat for Humanity

Palouse Habitat for Humanity is the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, and has been building simple, decent, affordable housing in Latah and Whitman counties since 1992. Our mission is to serve our neighbors in need by helping eliminate poverty housing on the Palouse and worldwide. Palouse Habitat has two homes under construction in Uniontown. The next home will be built in Moscow. Habitat homes are built with volunteer labor and help from the future homeowner. Habitat homeowners are selected based on need, willingness to help build the home (including up to 500 hours of "sweat equity"), and specific income criteria including the financial ability to purchase the home from Palouse Habitat after completing their partnership requirements.

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For more information on Palouse Habitat for Humanity and ways to make a difference in your community, please visit our website at palousehabitat.org, or contact Jennifer Wallace at 208-883-8502 or director@palousehabitat.org