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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME DEDICATION

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As Prepared

- Thank you, Kent [Adcock, DC Habitat President] for your kind introduction and for such a moving prayer to kick off this wonderful celebration.
- DC Habitat is our long-time partner. It's been a privilege for Freddie Mac and our employees to work with such a phenomenal organization to provide families with stable, affordable housing, and to build stronger communities.
- Habitat's mission is critical, especially during tough economic times like these. Making housing affordable is a mission we share at Freddie Mac.
- We're playing an important role in the President's Making Home Affordable program to help families across America keep their homes. And locally, through our philanthropy – our community investments – we partner with nonprofits like Habitat who are on the ground making life better for children and their families.
- For Nakia and her family and the new homeowners here today – and for all of us, volunteers and partners – this is a joyful occasion.

- Nakia and her four children will soon be moving out of their public housing apartment in to their very own home, the home we're dedicating today.
- We had the privilege this year of working alongside Nakia, Urica... and all the homeowners to help build these houses and revitalize the community.
- More than 800 Freddie Mac employees took part through our annual MAC week – Making a Community Week – and our monthly teambuilds. Together we measured, cut wood with the electric saw, hammered, hauled – we had a blast. (And it's great to see another Freddie Mac group out here today working as a team.)
- I'd like to thank everyone here for all you've accomplished. It's exciting to see the fruits of your labor -- the homes look great! Pretty soon there'll be kids out playing ball, families will be having cookouts, and neighbors will be getting together on their front porches.
- Your efforts have come full circle. And today we celebrate a life-changing event for our families.
- It's my pleasure to introduce Nakia Hargrove, a brand new homeowner, who will be saying a few words. Nakia....
- *[Nakia speaks. Then Ralph returns to introduce Brian Monks, Freddie volunteer.]*

- Thank you, Nakia, for sharing so beautifully what this home means to you and your family. This is what it's all about and why we're here today.
- I'd now like to introduce one of my Freddie Mac colleagues, Brian Monks, who helped build these houses and is an outstanding volunteer. Brian is a Director of Tax Compliance at Freddie Mac -- and when he's not wrestling with the complex issues his job entails, you'll often find him pitching in as a Habitat volunteer.
- Brian lives and breathes the Freddie Mac mission of making home possible -- he even uses his vacation time to work on Habitat projects.
- Brian received the Mayor's Community Service Award for his work with Habitat.
- Brian and I would like to invite the new homeowners and their families to join us at the podium... [*Karen Griggs and children, Urica Lewis, Nakia Hargrove, Shonda Sauls, Revondia Brawner.*]
- Congratulations! We're pleased to present you with Welcome Kits for your new homes. This is one of our Freddie Mac Home Team volunteer activities, to put these kits together for new homeowners, complete with flashlights, picture frames and fire extinguishers!