



LOCAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MEETING TO OUTLINE HOMEOWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS, APPLICATION PROCESS

LITTLETON, NH, JANUARY 2, 2009 -- The local Habitat for Humanity affiliate will hold an informational meeting for prospective homeowners on Friday, January 16, 7 pm, at the AHEAD Training Center, 163 Main Street, Littleton. The meeting will provide an overview of the Habitat for Humanity program and explain what is needed to become a Habitat homeowner.

Habitat for Humanity Ammonoosuc Region is an ecumenical Christian ministry that builds homes in partnership with families that need a decent place to live. The local organization was formed in 2008 and plans to start building its first home this year.

“People should attend this meeting to learn more about Habitat and, if interested, to get an application,” says Rachel Manners, board secretary and Family Selection Committee chair. “Potential partners will be chosen based on need, ability to pay and willingness to partner with Habitat for Humanity.”

“Need” factors include the inability to qualify for a traditional mortgage, an unusually high ratio of housing expense to total income and current housing that is overcrowded and/or substandard in terms of structure or safety. Maximum family income criteria also exists.

“Ability to pay” is described as having income necessary to pay a no-interest mortgage, taxes and insurance on the home. “Willingness to partner” is demonstrated by participating with other volunteers to build the home or take part in other Habitat activities; 250 hours of such “sweat equity,” as it’s called, is required from each adult in the partner family.

Applicants should have ties to the local area as evidenced by having lived for at least a year in a town served by the Ammonoosuc Region affiliate. These include Bethlehem, Carroll, Dalton, Franconia, Jefferson, Lancaster, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Monroe, Sugar Hill and Whitefield

For information about Ammonoosuc Habitat or to get involved, call 603-616-2515 or e-mail ammonoosuchabitat@gmail.com.

Habitat for Humanity Ammonoosuc Region is pledged to the letter and spirit of U.S. policy for the achievement of equal housing opportunity throughout the nation. We encourage and support a program in which there are no barriers to obtain housing because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin.