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Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County West All Saints Street Groundbreaking

FREDERICK, MD, January 2023 – In November of 2020, Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County utilized funds from the State of Maryland to purchase several properties on West All Saints Street in downtown Frederick. Preliminary work has been ongoing to stabilize the existing structures, while working with the Maryland Historical Trust, the Historic Preservation Commission, and the City of Frederick planning and zoning personnel. A condominium association has also been registered with the state. The West All Saints Street project will become 12 units of affordable housing on a land trust property. This project will cost approximately \$4 million, making this the most ambitious project Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County has undertaken to date. Projected completion of the first six units is in late 2023, with the final six units projected for completion in 2024.

The historic properties at 100, 104, and 108 West All Saints Street have sat empty for more than 20 years. They can be recognized by the mural of sunbeams and families in windows that can be seen on Ice Street. Many see these as unwanted, blighted properties costing the owner and City of Frederick money, asking for unsavory activities, and decreasing property values in the neighborhood. But Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County sees them as an opportunity for neighborhood revitalization that builds strength, stability, and self-reliance with families who will THRIVE in the neighborhood.

More than 285 inquiries have been received for these homes. The final 12 homeowners will be first-time homebuyers from working families who will enrich the fabric of this historic neighborhood as it looks to the future.

After much preparation, we are pleased to announce the official groundbreaking will be held January 25, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the area off Ice Street, behind 100 West All Saints Street. Street parking and the Court Street Parking deck are available.

About Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County (HFHFC):

We build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. HFHFC is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home. We believe affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities. Through shelter, we empower. Our vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. As we celebrate our 30th anniversary, Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County looks forward to providing affordable home ownership solutions to hardworking people in Frederick County for many years to come.

Mission: *Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.*