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### **SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC ON A MISSION FOR THE COMMUNITY WITH NASHVILLE AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

*Local sponsorship is part of a North American effort to provide product for 22,500 Habitat homes*

Nashville, TN, September 8, 2007 – Schneider Electric is joining Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity (NAHFH) to sponsor and help build a home in Providence Park, a model affordable housing community consisting of all Habitat homes and located in southeast Nashville.

Construction on the home will begin on September 8, 2007 and will finish September 30, 2007. Local Schneider Electric employees will build the home.

"The Square D / Schneider Electric employees in Nashville, Smyrna, LaVergne, and throughout middle Tennessee continue a proud tradition of supporting Habitat for Humanity by providing volunteers and electrical equipment," said Bob Hackman, Schneider Electric information technologies senior manager and local Habitat team leader. "We are extremely pleased to be selected to sponsor a Habitat home this year. As part of our Mission for the Community program, we look forward to working side-by-side with our partner family to help them achieve the American dream, an affordable home."

Schneider Electric is also helping Habitat for Humanity across North America. The company is providing Square D® brand load centers, circuit breakers and other related electrical equipment to every Habitat home built across North America in a partnership worth \$7 million. Square D is the flagship brand of Schneider Electric in the U.S. for electrical distribution and industrial control products, systems and services. To further underscore its commitment to Habitat for Humanity, Schneider Electric will fund up to seven whole house sponsorships in 2007, including the cost of the land, infrastructure and materials to build the home.

"We are grateful to Schneider Electric for their donation that will help families locally and across the country have a simple, decent place to call home," said NAHFH president and CEO Chris McCarthy.

As a national partner and a Cornerstone Society member of Habitat for Humanity International's "More Than Houses" campaign, Schneider Electric has already contributed approximately \$6 million in residential electrical equipment for use in homes built in the United States, Canada and Mexico since 2001. In addition, the company donated labor, supplies and more than \$1 million to eight separate initiatives in the Gulf Region last year, helping to rebuild cherished community locations such as athletic facilities, museums and a medical clinic damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

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The Habitat house sponsored by Schneider Electric in Nashville is one of the last 15 houses to complete the Providence Park community (138 homes total). Nashville Area Habitat will begin construction on its next all-Habitat model affordable housing community, Timberwood, in spring 2008. Nashville Area Habitat welcomes additional volunteers and donations to their efforts. Call 615-254-HOME to ask how or go to [www.habitatnashville.org](http://www.habitatnashville.org).

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#### **About Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity**

NAHFH is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian organization committed to providing families with the life changing opportunity to purchase decent, affordable homes. Since its founding in 1985, NAHFH has built more than 300 homes for Nashville families in need. The agency consistently ranks in the top 1 percent of all Habitat affiliates and has grown by seven times in size since 2002. NAHFH will build a record 55 homes in 2007 - 40 locally and 15 abroad. As of July 2007, 1106 family members, including 729 children have been served by NAHFH. Prior to becoming homeowners, Habitat partner families must complete up to 475 hours of "sweat equity" at the build site and in the classroom to earn their homes. Mortgage payments at zero percent interest range between \$350 and \$450 per month, including taxes and insurance. NAHFH builds ENERGY STAR Certified energy efficient homes. To request an application or to receive more information about NAHFH, call 615-254-HOME or visit [www.habitatnashville.org](http://www.habitatnashville.org).



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