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## **Skanska Shook Support Local Habitat Chapter by Building Green Home**

DAYTON, Ohio – The Skanska Shook joint venture has joined forces to build a green Habitat for Humanity home while both companies manage construction of the South East Addition to the Miami Valley Hospital. The groundbreaking ceremony celebrating this corporate commitment to the Dayton community took place at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 22, at 2615 Wayland Ave. The resulting four-bedroom, one-and-a-half-story home will provide Isaie Sibomana, his wife, Sylvie, and their three children with an energy-efficient, healthy and affordable home in a safe neighborhood.

The partnership between Skanska Shook and Dayton Habitat will result in a significant change for the Sibomana family by turning their dream of affordable homeownership into a reality. Due to their desire to give back to the community, Skanska and Shook, along with numerous local contractors and partners, have committed to a “whole house” sponsorship with their donation of materials and labor.

Skanska Shook is committed to the implementation of sustainable practices and green construction. Skanska was named as one of the top three green contractors in 2008 by *Engineering-News Record* and has more than 430 LEED-accredited employees. Shook’s LEED construction experience includes nearly 1.5 million square feet of projects currently underway in the Dayton area.

“I believe we all have an obligation to give something back to each local community with which we do business,” said David Magee, Superintendent for Skanska Shook. “Dayton Habitat is a perfect fit for any builder making a significant contribution to the economic success of an area. We are really excited about building the first ‘green’ Habitat house and making a difference to a family, a neighborhood and the city of Dayton.”

Isaie and his family came to this country as refugees from Rwanda in 2006 with the help of Catholic Social Services. Isaie works full-time for Tech Metals, Inc., while Sylvie attends nursing school during the day and cares for their family. The family recognizes the value of a hand up, not a hand-out, in their partnership with Habitat as they have worked hard for more than a year through their own sweat equity and education process to prepare for the responsibilities of homeownership.

Dayton Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, Christian housing ministry that works both to eliminate poverty housing around the world and to make adequate housing a matter of conscience and action. Habitat welcomes to the table partners from any faith – or from no faith – who are willing to pick up a hammer to help improve the lives of families needing decent shelter.

For more information about how you can get involved with the Dayton Habitat affiliate, please call (937) 586-0860.

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