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**“Family chosen for Limerick Build”**

**Kennebunk, ME** — Habitat for Humanity of York County is excited to share that a family has been chosen to partner for its next home building project. Sarah Juarez will purchase the new home that will begin construction in July in Limerick. The Limerick home will be Habitat’s 30<sup>th</sup> home in York County. For the first time, Care-A-Vanner volunteers will assist in framing the home. Care-A-Vanners are volunteers from all over the country who travel in campers and RVs to volunteer on Habitat for Humanity build sites for weeks at a time.

“For the last 9 years I have been working in the medical field. I truly enjoy my job and being able to help people. I have also been working hard to obtain a mortgage with no luck. I began to feel discouraged that my dreams of stability and safe, affordable housing would never be an option my family and I,” said future homeowner Sarah Juarez. “I never thought someone would actually help me build a house for my family. We are overwhelmed with joy and thankfulness. Homeownership is truly a humbling experience.”

A Walk to Raise the Roof and Pancake Breakfast on August 10<sup>th</sup> will kick off fundraising for building materials for the new home. Walkers can also register at 8:30AM at St. Matthews Church, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick. Walk options include either a .5 or 2.75 mile walk around Pickerel Pond. Online registration and sponsorship opportunities are available at [www.habitatyorkcounty.org](http://www.habitatyorkcounty.org). For more information on the event, please call Habitat at 207-985-4850.

Habitat volunteers are currently working to complete a build in Springvale. To build affordable, energy-efficient homes, Habitat utilizes volunteer labor, donations of money and material, and the help of the Habitat homeowner. Habitat is responsible for land acquisition and development, procuring all materials and hiring the necessary licensed services to build the home (electrician, plumber, etc.). Habitat’s construction manager trains and leads volunteers building alongside our partner family throughout the construction of the home. Each home costs approximately \$200,000 to build.

Homeowners contribute 400 sweat equity hours, working side by side with volunteers to build the home that will save them money on utilities over time. The family also participates in financial and homeowner education classes and are stabilized in their new home with an affordable mortgage. There are many opportunities to volunteer on the Limerick Build, at the ReStore, or assisting with weatherizations. Anyone interested in participating or donating to Habitat is encouraged to call the HFHYC office at 985-4850 or visit the website at [www.habitatyorkcounty.org](http://www.habitatyorkcounty.org).