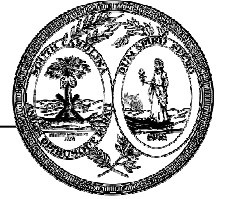




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Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity, DJJ, Wells Fargo Bank, Mungo Homes,
Complete DJJ's Second Habitat House
Dedication Ceremony Friday, February 21, 2014

What: On Friday, February 21, 2014, the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) will hold a dedication ceremony for the second house it has built in partnership with Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity, along with support from the Friends of Juvenile Justice. DJJ received corporate support from Wells Fargo Bank and Mungo Homes to build the house. Volunteers worked side-by-side with DJJ youth to build the house on DJJ's Broad River Road Complex and later when it was moved to a West Columbia neighborhood.

When: 12 p.m. Friday, February 21, 2014

Where: 220 Leica Lane, West Columbia 29172

Speakers: Erica Figueroa, the new Habitat House homeowner; Margaret H. Barber, director, South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice; Roy Kramer, executive director, Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity; and Mike Farmer, senior vice president for Wells Fargo Bank.

Background: At DJJ, we practice a "Restorative Justice" model. The partnership with Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity is one of the department's largest restorative projects, involving incarcerated youth in the construction of affordable houses for those in

need. The opportunity to participate in the construction experience is also extended to youth in the community who are under DJJ's supervision. Participating youths gain construction skills they can use in the workplace. DJJ looks upon its partnership with Habitat as building houses, rebuilding communities, and reclaiming youth who are on the brink of re-entering society.

About DJJ

--- As the state agency responsible for providing rehabilitation and custodial care for the state's juveniles who are on probation, incarcerated, or on parole for a criminal or status offense, DJJ actively seeks partnerships that foster its mission. DJJ's mission is to protect the public and reclaim juveniles through prevention, community services, education, and rehabilitative services in the least restrictive environment.

About Habitat for Humanity

The Central South Carolina (CSC) Habitat for Humanity is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International that was established in 1985 with responsibility for Richland and Lexington counties. In that area of responsibility it is estimated that 1 out of every 4 families lives in poverty. Since that beginning in 1985, CSC Habitat has helped over 200 Richland and Lexington county families realize the dream of home ownership.

CSC Habitat for Humanity is one of more than 30 Habitat affiliates in South Carolina. Habitat affiliates are chartered by Habitat for Humanity International; each affiliate has its own Board of Directors and is responsible for its own funding and operations. Central South Carolina Habitat for Humanity is a Christian housing ministry working to eliminate poverty housing in our area.

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