



Walk for Habitat

Women for Habitat joins Champions 4 Her, June 20, to fund annual house build

By David Winfrey

Women for Habitat leaders hope sneakers are as powerful as hammers when it comes to helping build a Habitat house.

The group is inviting all Habitat supporters to join them June 20 for the Norton Women's Pavilion Champions 4 Her Walk, Run & Festival. As a participating organization, Women for Habitat will join 10 other groups benefiting from the annual event.

Leaders hope proceeds will help fund a major portion of the Women for Habitat house this year, said Carolyn Miles, co-chair for development for Women for Habitat.

"Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$10,000 but I would like to say our goal is \$20,000," Miles said. A house sponsorship costs \$35,000 this year.

The walk, which started last year, is designed to support women's organizations in Louisville that are dedicated to improving the health and financial well-being of women and girls in Kentucky. Ann Coffey, CEO of Women4Women, said Women for Habitat was a natural addition to the event "because we share the same mission."

"Their mission is perfectly aligned

with what we're trying to do, fostering safe, financially stable women and families," Coffey said. "A key to that is having a safe, warm place to raise a family."

Last year, the walk raised \$170,000 for 10 local organizations. This year, organizers hope to recruit 3,000 walkers and runners and raise \$200,000 for the 11 participating groups.

Miles said participating in the walk will result in a lot of good publicity for Habitat. "Not only is it going to benefit us financially, I think it will help get the affiliate name and Women for Habitat out in the community."

Started in 1994, Women for Habitat has built 12 houses in Louisville, according to co-chair Sandy Richardson. "Our objective is to empower women to do things that they didn't think they could do."

Their house builds are comprised exclusively of women, except for such



WOMEN FOR HABITAT The organization will build its 13th house this year. "Being on the job site with all women is really something special," said co-chair Sandy Richardson.

specialized work as plumbing and electrical wiring. "You see all those pink T-shirts swarming over the job site, it's pretty impressive," she said.

"Being on the job site with all women is really something special. It's seeing all those women actively engaged in building the house for another person," she said. "The camaraderie and the satisfaction that you can tell that they feel and the sense of accomplishment are pretty special."

The Women for Habitat leadership team also plans fundraising for the house and supports the local affiliate in other ways, Richardson said. "We not only build houses, but we spread our talents."

The annual builds often motivate volunteers to get involved in other Habitat volunteer activities, she added. "We have populated the Habitat affiliate with a lot of talented women who got their start with Women for Habitat," she said. "It's an impressive group of women."

Norton Women's Pavilion Champions 4 Her Walk, Run & Festival



When Saturday, June 20. Festival begins at 7 a.m.; walk begins at 8 a.m.

Where Waterfront Park.

Cost \$25 for walk. Donors designate which of 11 women's organizations receives proceeds; (festival is free).

For more info Visit champions4her.com or contact Habitat Development Director Jane White 502.637.6265, ext 30 or jwhite@louisvillehabitat.org.



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