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Habitat for Humanity launches *A Brush with Kindness* housing repair program *Habitat to offer low-cost home repairs to low-income homeowners*

Jackson, WY – April 23, 2010 – Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Teton Area will begin repairing homes in partnership with qualified, low-income homeowners. The new housing repair program called *A Brush with Kindness* is aimed at providing exterior home improvements including painting, landscaping and minor repairs to low-income homeowners in need.

Habitat for Humanity's *A Brush with Kindness* program will serve low-income homeowners who struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes. Work will be done by volunteers who will use donated materials whenever possible. In order to be eligible, one must own and occupy a home in Teton County that needs short term exterior improvements, earn no more than 60% of the median income, be willing to partner with Habitat, and be unable to afford necessary home improvements and unable to complete them otherwise due to age, disability, or circumstance. While labor will be offered at no cost, homeowners will be responsible for the cost of materials. Habitat will offer interest-free financing for homeowners who are unable to pay for the cost of repairs up front. Payments made by the partner family will be placed in a revolving fund to help Habitat serve others in need.

"A Brush with Kindness gives Habitat volunteers and donors a great opportunity to help more families in need, while also improving neighborhoods," said Terri Marino, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Teton Area. "Helping people repair and maintain their homes fits in well with Habitat's core mission of making decent, affordable housing available to low-income families."

This program will be offered through October 2010, weather permitting. Applications will be reviewed on the first Tuesday of each month. For an application or more information please contact the Habitat office at (307) 734-0828 or visit www.tetonhabitat.org.

About Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Teton Area

Habitat for Humanity builds homes with those in need in Teton County. Homes are built by volunteers and are then sold to pre-selected partner families with a no-interest, no-profit mortgage to ensure low monthly payments. Homeowners are required to contribute at least 500 hours of their own "sweat equity" on their home before they are allowed to move in. Habitat also runs the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, which sells furniture, building supplies and appliances to help fund the construction of Habitat homes.