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### **Habitat for Humanity Director Steps Down, Seeking New Executive Director**

**JACKSON, Wyoming, January 6, 2011** – The Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Teton Area (Habitat) announced that Terri Marino will step down as Habitat's Executive Director, after nearly eight years of leading Habitat's efforts to build simple, decent homes in partnership with hardworking families in need. Marino plans to move out of state and will continue to serve until March 1 to assist with the candidate search and transition period.

Since Marino joined Habitat, eighteen Habitat homes have been built in Teton County, several volunteer groups have traveled to Mexico to construct homes, the ReStore has tripled its profits, and the affiliate has been positioned for continued growth. Marino has also served Habitat at the national level, holding seats on the Executive Director's Advisory Council and the U.S. Policy Committee. During her tenure, the affiliate has been recognized by Habitat for Humanity International for four years in a row as a top tithing affiliate, resulting in an additional thirty homes built in Mexico, and has been awarded the best non profit award in the JH Weekly reader poll for the past three years. Habitat is currently in the final phase of its largest building project to date, 5-2-5 Hall, where Habitat is building five homes through a partnership with the Teton County Housing Authority, and plans are underway to build four homes in Teton Village beginning this year.

"I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to work with Habitat for Humanity for so many years – first as a volunteer and then as a staff member. This organization attracts wonderful people and will always be near and dear to my heart," Marino said. "It has been an honor to witness the transformation that Habitat families experience by going through this program and the immense generosity of the hundreds of people and organizations who support Habitat with their time, money and materials."

"Terri is truly a 'Hero for Housing' and has been a guiding force behind Habitat providing permanent solutions to families in need and improving the lives of adults and children in Teton

County," said Richard Uhl, Habitat's Board President. "She not only gave generously of her time and talents to Habitat, she gave generously back to this community. She will truly be missed."

Habitat is launching a search for a replacement. A job description and application details will be posted on [www.tetonhabitat.org](http://www.tetonhabitat.org) by January 10. Applications will be due by January 27 and interviews will take place in early February. The Board anticipates the new director will be announced in early March.

Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Teton Area builds and repairs homes with those in need in Teton County. Homes are built by volunteers and are then sold at no profit to pre-selected partner families with an interest free loan to ensure affordable monthly payments. Homeowners are required to contribute at least 500 hours of "sweat equity," save at least \$1,500, and take a series of homeowner education classes in order to purchase the home. Habitat also runs the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, which sells donated building supplies, home furnishings and appliances to help fund Habitat's program.

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