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Inland Valley Habitat for Humanity Purchases Six Homes for
Neighborhood Stabilization Program
First phase of housing program gets a quick start.

Temecula, CA – The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) announced by Inland Valley Habitat for Humanity earlier this year is in full swing. Six of the ten homes have closed escrow and rehabilitation will begin in early December.

The NSP Program is part of the boost from the Economic Development Agency of Riverside County. The homes chosen by the Inland Valley affiliate were bank-owned and after rehabilitation will be sold to qualified low-income families through the traditional Habitat for Humanity program.

Each home chosen has different needs when it comes to construction and rehabilitation. Examples include drywall, electrical, plumbing, painting, landscaping and gardening. Inland Valley Habitat for Humanity has assembled a group of sub-contractors and volunteers that will move at warp speed and work to turn the homes over within five to six weeks after the construction process begins. Additional volunteers are always needed and welcome.

There are currently eighteen families that are going through the qualification process for the ten Habitat for Humanity homes. The final families will be chosen based on family need, ability to pay and willingness to partner with Habitat for Humanity in the future. A unique Habitat purchase condition called “sweat equity” requires families to donate volunteer labor working on their own or other Habitat houses. “It’s amazing to see how contagious the spirit of sweat equity can have on an entire neighborhood. When neighbors see how hard a new family is working to better their home, the aesthetics of an entire neighborhood can change very quickly,” states Tammy Marine, Executive Director of Inland Valley Habitat for Humanity. “We look forward to changing the lives of ten families and improving ten neighborhoods.”

The search for the final four homes is still underway. Possible locations include Perris, Sun City and Temecula.

Founded in 1991 by a handful of local residents, Habitat for Humanity Inland Valley is currently working in the areas of Temecula, Perris, Lake Elsinore, Murrieta and Menifee. For more information on Habitat for Humanity Inland Valley, please visit www.habitat4inlandvalley.org or call (951) 296-3362.