



Rutherford County Area **Habitat for Humanity**[®]

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MEDIA ADVISORY for Wednesday, May 15, Habitat House Dedication

Habitat House Dedication for Nissan USA's 17th Build in Rutherford County

Please join Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity (RCHF) and Nissan USA for the House Dedication and Ribbon Cutting of Nissan's 17th Habitat House Build in Rutherford County on **Wednesday, May 15th at 4pm at Habitat's Legacy Pointe subdivision in Murfreesboro**. The press as well as the public are welcome to attend.

99 volunteers from Nissan's Smyrna facility, for a total of 739 hours, worked on the Habitat house for Future Homeowner Tabitha, a single mother of two. She will buy her home with a Habitat affordable mortgage and the family, along with Tabitha's Mother, will move in soon. Like many Habitat Future Homeowners, the cost of rental housing has skyrocketed so she has been paying 50% of her monthly income on housing alone, and there is little to choose from in Middle Tennessee. With the Habitat Mortgage, she will not pay more than 30% of her monthly income on her mortgage, and she'll build wealth equity and a legacy to pass on to her children.

"The apartment complex I resided in for 8+ years was no longer safe, there was little to no peace, and there were several health hazards left unrepaired", she states.

Growing up in public housing, Tabitha's mother always encouraged her to do what she needed to become a homeowner.

"My mother always hoped to one day provide a home for my sister and me. It is exciting that she is seeing this dream come true and that she will be a part of it."

Tabitha earned her CNA license and is currently working at Pain Management Group in Antioch.

In 2023, Nissan proudly renewed their commitment with a Nissan Neighbors grant award of \$1.3 million in support of building projects in Nissan operational communities across the United States.

In the last 19 years Nissan has contributed:

- 160 donated vehicles,
- 112,000+ volunteer hours
- \$21 million+ in contributions
- 50+ communities impacted
- 300+ families in new homes

"If you've ever been out on one of our builds, you've seen the shirts our volunteers wear. They say "We build more than great cars...we build communities." We stand by that. Nissan is committed to making a difference in our communities, not just through local jobs, but by giving back through a wide range of community programs," states Ken Tucker, Manufacturing Communications for Nissan Group of North America.

What: Rutherford County Area Habitat House Dedication & Ribbon Cutting of Nissan USA's 17th House Build in Rutherford County, TN

When: Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 4 pm.

Who: Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity with Nissan USA and Nissan Smyrna

Where: Legacy Pointe, 2829 Humanity Trail, Murfreesboro, TN

Representatives from Nissan USA and the Nissan Smyrna facility, Habitat Construction experts, volunteers and Habitat Future Homeowners will be available for interviews and photos.

About Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity (RCHFH)

Rutherford County Area Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit, non-denominational Christian housing ministry, seeks to bring people together to build homes, communities, and hope. This is done through building quality, energy-efficient, affordable houses while partnering alongside working families. Homes are built by RCHFH construction staff, Future Homeowners, and community volunteers. After a home is completed, it is sold to the family at no profit with an affordable monthly mortgage.

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