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Legislators Participate in Service Projects to Strengthen Neighborhoods in Their Districts

Lansing, MI – Today on the Senate floor, the Senate Co-chairs of Legislators Building Communities (LBC) initiative, Senator Mark Jansen and Senator Rebekah Warren, will present a resolution recognizing the work of the Legislator’s Building Communities initiative as well as the Governor’s Proclamation of Habitat for Humanity Day in Michigan.

LBC is a summer-long opportunity for state legislators to participate in service projects that strengthen neighborhoods in or around their districts and is a chance for community members to begin or strengthen a relationship with their elected officials. 75 Michigan legislators committed to spend four hours volunteering with a nonprofit, helping with a project in their district. Members participated in projects such as Habitat builds, neighborhood cleanups and tree plantings.

“Legislators roll up their sleeves and work as part of a team on real service projects organized by nonprofits and community development corporations that will help the communities within their district thrive,” said Jamie Schriener-Hooper, Executive Director of CEDAM. “Not only does the job get done, but the legislators begin to really understand the impacts of their decisions at the Capitol and see the effects directly in their neighborhoods.”

"Through Legislators Building Communities, our legislators are taking time to volunteer in their community to learn, hands on, the needs of the people while giving them a hand up," said Sandy Pearson, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity. "They are also getting to know the many local organizations who take action and offer the community ways to be involved. Habitat for Humanity is one such opportunity. We can all make a difference through volunteerism and community engagement, and I'm so thankful to our legislators for their care and concern to be involved."

LBC is an initiative of the Living in Michigan Coalition, a broad network of housing and community economic development practitioners. LBC is co-chaired by CEDAM, Habitat for Humanity of Michigan and MSHDA. The legislative co-chairs are Senator Mark Jansen, Senator Rebekah Warren, Representative Sam Singh and Representative Wayne Schmidt.

For more information, photos and stories about how LBC impacted communities across Michigan visit legislatorsbuildingcommunities.org.

CEDAM is a nonprofit membership organization that represents hundreds of individuals and organizations committed to revitalizing and rebuilding Michigan through community economic development. For more information about CEDAM, visit cedam.info

Based in Lansing, Habitat for Humanity of Michigan is the state support organization for Michigan's 49 ReStores and 73 Habitat for Humanity affiliates, which serve nearly every county in the state. HFHM's mission is to increase the capacity of Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Michigan to build or renovate simple, decent homes in partnership with people in need.

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