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Greater Matthews Habitat for Humanity to Accept Applications for New Homeownership Program September 19th-23rd

Matthews, NC (August 23, 2022) – Greater Matthews Habitat for Humanity (GMHFH) will be accepting applications to purchase a home through their New Homeownership Program September 19th-23rd. Applications can be completed online or a paper copy can be picked up from their office at 2447 East John St. during the application period. There will be a non-refundable \$25 application fee.

If accepted into the program, the partner family will be purchasing a GMHFH home for the appraised value with an interest-free mortgage through GMHFH. In lieu of a down payment, partner families complete 250 “sweat-equity” hours volunteering on the construction of their home and in the Greater Matthews Habitat ReStore.

To qualify for the program, applicants must be a resident of Matthews, Mint Hill, or Stallings for the past 12 months, have a need for a decent, affordable home (current housing situation is substandard, overcrowded, costs more than 30% of gross income, etc.), has income between the GMHFH minimum income requirement of \$40,000 a year and the HUD Median Income Requirements, and must be able to pay back an affordable mortgage.

The full list of qualifications and the list of necessary documentation to complete the application can now be found on the GMHFH website at gmhfh.org/apply. For questions about the application or the new homeownership program, potential applicants can reach out to Jeffrey Elam, Homeowner Services Manager at jeffrey@habitatmatthews.org or by phone at 704-847-4266 ext. 108. Greater Matthews Habitat is an Equal Housing Lender. The construction of the home will begin next year. Community members can support the GMHFH program and the construction of this home by donating at gmhfh.org/give. For information about home sponsorship, please email sarah@habitatmatthews.org.

About Greater Matthews Habitat for Humanity

Since 1989, Greater Matthews Habitat for Humanity has addressed the lack of affordable housing in our area by providing decent homes with an affordable mortgage to help lower-income families obtain self-sufficiency and break the cycle of poverty. Habitat partner families help build their home alongside volunteers and make regular mortgage payments. Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, you can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance that they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, please visit www.greatermatthewshabitat.org.

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