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Important Opportunity for Area Veterans,

Habitat for Humanity of Sauk-Columbia Area (HFHSCA) has recently learned of a potential, new grant opportunity for veterans. The Home Depot, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity, announced a new initiative to address housing needs of U.S. veterans. The program will allow repairs to be done on homes occupied by veterans, including work like roofing, weatherization, structural repairs, modifications for accessibility, and more. The basic program requirements are:

- The program is open to veterans who received an honorable discharge.
- The house in which the veteran is living can be owned by the veteran, or by an approved partner family.
- Home insurance is required.
- The Habitat for Humanity affiliate must require some level of repayment from the home owner. This can be arranged on a sliding scale, dependent upon the ability of the homeowner to repay.
- Successful applicants will have to meet HFHSCA's basic qualifications for our traditional home building program. Visit our website at www.hfhsca.org and go to the "How to Get Help" tab. Within the brochure for our home building program, the three selection criteria of need, ability to re-pay an interest free loan, and willingness to partner are described. Use this information to get a general sense of HFHSCA's guidelines not as absolute requirements.

Habitat for Humanity of Sauk-Columbia Area is seeking potential participants for this program and would asks your assistance in identifying them. We anticipate that funds for this program will be available late summer, 2012. Please give interested veterans our contact information (below) so we can get in touch with them if and when these grants are available.

Sincerely yours,

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