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Habitat for Humanity hosts empowering and fun Girls Build event!

Bucks County, Pa. – The Girl Scouts of Eastern PA (GSEP) and Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County recently held an educational, interactive and empowering event for 26 girls between the ages of 10 and 12, as part of Habitat’s newly launched Girls Build program. Participants of the workshop moved between sessions, building cedar bird feeders, creating a piece of a Girls Build banner, learning hands-on about Habitat for Humanity by putting on hard hats to construct a paper house, teaching the girls about each step of building a home. The girls also heard from guest speakers, members of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC): Maura Hesdon, a project manager for Shoemaker Construction; Jaime Leitch, a director for American Infrastructure; and Christine Workman, a manager for Otis Elevator.



“The Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction is thrilled to be a part of this exciting opportunity to partner with Habitat for Humanity to not only expose these young women to the construction industry; but also, to enrich a family by providing a home for them. The girls will gain insight into home ownership as well as self-confidence and knowledge in construction techniques to build on as they grow into the strong leaders of the future,” said Hesdon, president of the NAWIC Phila Chapter 145.

The Girls Build mission is to work in partnership with youth organizations to educate preteen girls about homeownership, Habitat for Humanity, community needs and the ways in which girls and women can actively meet those needs. The Girls Build Program has five modules designed to easily be presented by youth organizations, summer camps, afterschool programs, and faith groups. The curriculum encourages girls to expand their vision of what they can do and become, such as pursuing a career in construction industry. For more information about Habitat for Humanity and the Girls Build program, please contact Laura McClellan at l.mcclellan@habitatbucks.org or (215) 822.2812 x302.

About Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County

It is the mission of Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County to build affordable homes, better lives, stronger families, and safer communities through partnerships with people and organizations throughout Bucks County.

Each home Habitat for Humanity builds in Bucks County requires a commitment of **2000** volunteer hours, financial contributions of **\$115 per square foot**, and the dedication of **innumerable individuals speaking** on behalf of the program.

Habitat relies strictly on the generosity and commitment of our neighbors and partner families to provide these resources. For more information about Habitat Bucks, please call (215) 822-2812 or visit www.habitatbucks.org.

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