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Chief Architect, Inc., Donates Design Software to Help Habitat Families

Chief Architect, a leading developer of 3D Architectural Home Design Software, recently donated software to Muskegon County Habitat for Humanity, valued at more than \$2,000. The software will help habitat to serve more families with special needs. Habitat's new Building Coordinator, Holly Watson, is already busy at work with Chief Architect. This year, she will adapt designs to help two families with cerebral palsy, who are among those to occupy eleven homes slated for construction in 2007. The affordable homes will help these local families escape poverty housing and raise their children in a safe, stable environment.

The Chief Architect donation could not have come at a better time and will help MCHFH to stretch resources. MCHFH will also use the software in working with the local Student Build program for alternative careers in building trades to tackle innovations for energy efficiency. Their hope is to adapt designs to benefit both Habitat homes and affordable construction throughout the community.

"Our families with children and those with disabilities are struggling to make ends meet. This donation will help to give every child the opportunity to thrive. An affordable home does just that -- especially considering 70% of those we serve are children!" said Diana Miller, Executive Director of Muskegon County Habitat for Humanity. "We appreciate supporters like Chief Architect!"

The continuing ripple effect will benefit the Muskegon community for years to come as:

- * Future mortgage payments go to help other families who desperately need a home.
- * 80% of the children will become future homeowners, breaking the generational cycle of poverty housing.
- * Over time, these families will realize increased stability, health, education, and income.

About Muskegon County Habitat for Humanity:

Muskegon County Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical, affordable housing developer. Their mission is to eliminate poverty housing locally and world-wide. They achieve their mission, using community partnerships, donations, and volunteer labor to build safe, decent, affordable homes for families to grow and thrive to their fullest potential. For more information, email skreason@muskegonhabitat.org or see www.muskegonhabitat.org.

About Chief Architect:

Chief Architect, Inc. is a leading developer of 3D Architectural home design software for consumers, home enthusiasts, builders, designers, and architects. Founded in 1981, the company first introduced architectural home design software in 1991. For the consumer market, it publishes the Better Homes and gardens Home Designer product line, available in many retail stores. The company leads the professional architectural and building home design software market with its professional Chief Architect product line. It donates the software throughout the US to the local Habitat for Humanity organizations. For more information, email info@ChiefArchitect.com or see www.ChiefArchitect.com and www.HomeDesignerSoftware.com.

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