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**Peninsula Habitat for Humanity and Daly City See Commitment
to Building Affordable, Ownership Housing Pay Off**

Four More Daly City Families Move into Habitat Homes and Share Their Stories at June 3 Dedication

DALY CITY, Calif. (June 2006) – Peninsula Habitat for Humanity, the City of Daly City and the local community will celebrate with four families as they receive keys to their new Peninsula Habitat for Humanity homes at a dedication ceremony Saturday, June 3 at 10 a.m. Hosted at the families' homes on De Long Street across from the Bay Area Rapid Transit station, the community will have an opportunity to meet the families whose homes they helped build and hear their stories.

"The De Long Street dedication marks another milestone for Peninsula Habitat for Humanity, Daly City, Habitat families, and our volunteers and donors," said Mary Boughton, executive director of Peninsula Habitat for Humanity. "We're hoping the community will join us in celebrating with these four wonderful families and help us give them the best house-warming party ever!"

Begun in late fall 2005, the four-home development is part of an on-going collaborative effort between Peninsula Habitat for Humanity and Daly City to meet residents' needs for affordable, ownership housing and improve the quality of their lives.

Peninsula Habitat for Humanity first met with Daly City officials in 2001 to find sites for homes, and since then have worked to build 11 affordable, ownership homes for Daly City families. "It was evident that we shared the same goals," said Richard Berger, Daly City's assistant director of economic and community development. "The type of housing that Habitat builds and the way Habitat works with families is very consistent with Daly City's priorities to expand services, preserve our neighborhoods and improve peoples' lives."

City staff worked with realtors, private land owners and public agencies to identify possible building sites, and purchased the first property – the Ottobani Nursery on Third Avenue– from a long-time Daly City family. The City relocated an existing business and family on the site, and transferred the property to Peninsula Habitat for Humanity in the fall of 2003. Two years later Peninsula Habitat for Humanity completed its first seven homes in Daly City including a "wheelchair accessible" home on Third Avenue.

Daly City further demonstrated its commitment to affordable housing and its relationship with Peninsula Habitat for Humanity in early 2003 when the city purchased land from BART for another Habitat development. When BART advertised the availability of a 12,676 square foot site on De Long Street, the City was enthusiastic about acquiring surplus property close to public transportation and devoted staff time to negotiating with BART, and ensuring that the property was properly entitled for four more Habitat homes.

"With this kind of commitment and support from our local communities, we can provide hardworking families with an opportunity to find stability and success," said Boughton. "Thanks to Daly City's effort in working with us, four more Daly City families will now experience the joy of owning a home in one of the world's most expensive housing markets. We're looking forward to continuing our work with the city to make affordable housing a reality for low-income families."

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Peninsula Habitat for Humanity will present the families with keys to their new homes on Saturday, June 3 at 10 a.m. Among those expected to attend the ceremony are California State representatives, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and officials, Daly City Council members and staff, and representatives from several Bay Area companies.

About Peninsula Habitat for Humanity

Founded in 1989 by a group from Menlo Park Presbyterian Church, Peninsula Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, affordable ownership housing organization whose mission is to provide opportunities for families to find stability and financial independence through community based home ownership.

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