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**Peninsula Habitat for Humanity and the City of South San Francisco  
Host Community Meeting for Low-Income Families to Apply for Affordable Homes**  
*Meeting to Highlight Selection Criteria, Application Process and Responsibilities of Homeownership*

South San Francisco, Calif. (August 2006) – Peninsula Habitat for Humanity and the City of South San Francisco will host a community meeting Wednesday, August 16 at 6 p.m. for low-income families to learn about how they can apply for one of Habitat's four affordable, ownership homes in South San Francisco.

"We're inviting low-income families from South San Francisco to attend an informational meeting about how they can apply to own a home with no down payment and a zero-interest rate mortgage," said Mary Boughton, executive director of Peninsula Habitat for Humanity. "We'll give the families who attend an overview of what we're looking for in potential applicants, and explain more about who Habitat is and how things work."

Hosted at the Magnolia Senior Center in downtown South San Francisco, families who attend will also receive detailed information about Habitat's selection criteria and application process, as well as the responsibilities involved in owning a Habitat home.

"To qualify for one of these homes, families need to live in South San Francisco, earn between \$45,000 and \$70,000 in annual income and have good credit history," Boughton said. "Families cannot have owned a home within the past three years and at least one family member needs to be a legal permanent resident or U.S citizen."

Other qualifications for potential applicants include a family size between three and seven people, and a willingness to work 500 hours of "sweat equity," or volunteer time, in building their own house.

Set to begin building in late August, the four-home development is part of a collaborative effort between Peninsula Habitat for Humanity and South San Francisco to meet residents' needs for affordable, ownership housing and improve the quality of their lives.

"The City of South San Francisco is committed to providing workforce housing for its citizens," said South San Francisco Mayor Joe Fernekes. "Our partnership with Peninsula Habitat for Humanity brings us closer to achieving this goal."

"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 South San Francisco's effort in working with us, four new families will now experience the joy of owning a home. Only by working together can we empower low-income families to end the cycle of poverty, own their own homes and build better futures for their children."

Peninsula Habitat for Humanity will hold the community meeting at the Magnolia Senior Center in South San Francisco on Wednesday, August 16 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Located at 601 Grand Avenue; the center is located in downtown on the corner of Grand and Magnolia Avenues.

For more information, families can visit Peninsula Habitat for Humanity's Web site, [www.peninsulahabitat.org](http://www.peninsulahabitat.org), call (650) 568-7325 for information in English, or (650) 568-7335 for information in Spanish.

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