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***BANK OF AMERICA AND TRINITY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
RAISE THE FIRST WALLS ON ALINE GATESI HOME
FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH 9:00 a.m. IN FORT WORTH***

FORT WORTH (April 23, 2009) – Bank of America and Trinity Habitat for Humanity will begin construction on Habitat family partner, Aline Gatesi's new home on Friday, April 24, 2009. **The building begins at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2009 at the construction site at 3101 Evangeline Road, Fort Worth, TX 76140.** Bank of America employees will help Aline Gatesi raise the first walls on her new home and build the home to completion.

Gatesi is eager to finish construction of her new home because three of her nephews from Rwanda will come to live with her once her house is built. She emigrated from Rwanda, due to recent civil unrest. She is now working hard to make a place for herself slowly rebuilding her life, while sending money to support her three young nephews Gervais (17), Sedrick (13) and Blaise (12). They lost their mother during the war and are being cared for by another sister, Josiane who remains in Rwanda. Aline and Josiane made a pact that Aline would bring her nephews to better life once Aline becomes established here in the United States. She is excited about the opportunities that await her and wants to begin her schooling to become an obstetrician after her nephews arrive. "When I move into my Habitat house," Aline said, "they can come to this country to have a better life."

Prior to moving in, she will complete 300 hours of "sweat equity" helping to build it, a basic tenet of Habitat for Humanity. They will also repay the no-profit mortgage over a period of 30 years, illustrating Habitat for Humanity's objective to give families a "hand up" rather than a "hand out."

This home is a result of a partnership between Bank of America and Habitat for Humanity International. Bank of America has been a financial and volunteer partner with Trinity Habitat for Humanity for the last 10 years. Bank of America is sponsoring 25 homes in 25 different communities throughout the country and annually, more than 25,000 hours of Bank of America associate volunteer efforts support these builds.

"Bank of America is pleased to further Habitat's efforts in our community and to provide affordable housing for working families like Aline Gatesi," said Mike Pavell, Fort Worth president, Bank of America. "Creating more affordable housing is imperative in Texas and in communities across the country. Bank of America has partnered with Habitat for Humanity for the past 20 years, and I am thrilled our team is here today to help make this family's dream a reality."

About Bank of America

What began 20 years ago as a home sponsorship program has become an expanded and multifaceted partnership. Under former Bank of America Chairman and CEO Hugh McColl Jr.'s leadership, a commitment to Habitat turned the Jimmy Carter Work Project into a 14-house "blitz build" in Charlotte and the first worldwide House Raising Week. The Bank of America Charitable Foundation has donated more than \$16 million to home-building efforts with Habitat for Humanity International since 2002. The corporation has also given \$600,000 to Operation Home Delivery, Habitat's hurricane recovery project. In addition, Bank of America associates contribute more than 25,000 volunteer hours annually to Habitat for Humanity home builds across the country.

Bank of America Corporate Philanthropy

Building on a long-standing tradition of investing in the communities it serves, Bank of America this year embarked on a new, ten-year goal to donate \$2 billion to nonprofit organizations engaged in improving the health and vitality of their neighborhoods. Funded by Bank of America, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation gave more than \$200 million in 2008, making the bank the most generous financial institution in the world and the second largest donor of all U.S. corporations in cash contributions. Bank of America approaches giving through a national strategy called "neighborhood excellence" under which it works with local leaders to identify and meet the most pressing needs of individual communities. Through Team Bank of America, bank associate volunteers contributed more than 900,000 hours in 2008 to enhance the quality of life in their communities nationwide. For more information about Bank of America Corporate Philanthropy, please visit www.bankofamerica.com/foundation.

About Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built more than 300,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1.5 million people. For more information, visit www.habitat.org.

About Trinity Habitat for Humanity

Trinity Habitat for Humanity builds quality, affordable homes with volunteer labor and donations of money and materials. Sponsors and donors underwrite construction costs of Habitat for Humanity homes.

Partner families, as Habitat for Humanity homebuyers are known, invest 300 hours of sweat equity in the construction of their homes or others' houses, working side by side with volunteers. Partner families then buy their homes, making affordable monthly payments on a no-interest mortgage held by Habitat.

Their house payments revolve back into Habitat for Humanity's work, making homeownership possible for more families. Because Habitat for Humanity is a pay-it-forward housing program, a dollar invested in its work is a buck that never stops--it just keeps building.

Trinity Habitat for Humanity has built over 360 homes in Tarrant, Johnson, Parker and Wise counties since 1989 and celebrates its 20th year of building in North Texas in 2009. www.trinityhabitat.org