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**Clark Howard Celebrates 15 Years of Building Homes
With Atlanta Habitat for Humanity**

Dedication of New Atlanta Habitat Homes Scheduled for March 6 and 13

ATLANTA, Ga. — March 1, 2010 — Atlanta Habitat for Humanity today announces that WSB-TV Channel 2 Action News Consumer Advisor Clark Howard and his wife, Lane, have teamed up with other partners to build eight quality, energy-efficient homes during 2010, the Howards' fifteenth year of support for Atlanta's working families.

"We join Clark and Lane in celebrating this special milestone," said Larrie Del Martin, Atlanta Habitat president and chief executive officer. "Since 1996, they have sponsored 39 Atlanta Habitat for Humanity homes. Thanks to their continuing support in 2010, eight more families will have new, affordable homes in which to live."

All eight houses are being built in the distressed Polar Rock community in southeast Atlanta. On Saturday, March 6, beginning at noon, the first three houses will be dedicated. The home for the Achiber/Mou family was sponsored by the Howards and Annette Stilwell. Stilwell, with the support of family, friends, and the community, builds the "Two Williams" home in memory of her husband, Bill, and her son, Willy, and has built with Atlanta Habitat for three years. The home for the Beliu/Shol family was sponsored by Clark Howard and the Coupon Mom, Stephanie Nelson. The third home, belonging to the Watkins family, was sponsored by the Howards and the Rev. Nancy Noblin. Rev. Noblin has been partnering with Atlanta Habitat since 1996 and has helped support the construction of 15 houses.

On March 13, beginning at 1:00 p.m., an additional five houses will be dedicated as the fifteenth annual Team Clark Build comes to a close. In their eighth year of building, Cox Enterprises sponsored two homes, building for the Kesete and Redding families. Cox Enterprises has supported 11 homes overall, helping house more than 20 children as well as their parents and grandparents. The Howards and Atlanta Habitat also thank Rev. Noblin as well as new sponsors EOL and the Dan and Merrie Boone Foundation whose support adds the Owens, Gore, and Blanton families to the group of qualified first-time homebuyers for which Atlanta Habitat has built quality, affordable, green homes.

Atlanta Habitat builds each home in seven days, starting with the construction of the exterior and interior walls on day one and ending with touch-up painting and landscaping on day seven. In 2009, the Atlanta affiliate built more than 40 homes in neighborhoods from Carver Hills in northwest Atlanta to Sylvan Hills in the city's southwest corner.

Howard will broadcast his nationally syndicated radio program, aired locally on WSB-AM 750, from one of the Atlanta Habitat home sites under construction on March 12 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

From I-75/85 South: Take Exit #243, Langford Pkwy/GA-166 EASTBOUND (second off ramp). Turn RIGHT onto Lakewood Avenue at dead end/end of ramp. Turn LEFT onto Pryor Road at stop sign. 296 Polar Rock is on your left. The Pryor Road and Bagwell Drive houses are ahead.

About Atlanta Habitat for Humanity

Atlanta Habitat for Humanity, one of more than 1,700 U.S. affiliates of Habitat for Humanity International, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing affordable housing to working families. Since 1983, volunteers from corporations and from faith-based and civic organizations have worked in partnership with qualified homebuyers to construct affordable, green, quality homes, which are then purchased through no-interest mortgages. To date, Atlanta Habitat has built almost 1,050 homes in the City of Atlanta and the metropolitan area. For more information, please visit www.atlantahabitat.org or call 404-223-5180.

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