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Local Builder Trades One Week Vacation in Favor of Building Home for Family in Need

Commodore Builders' Brendan Dowdall Leads Team of Notre Dame Students to Build Habitat for Humanity House

(**Newton, MA**)--November 9, 2006-- **Commodore Builders** today announced that its Assistant Project Manager **Brendan Dowdall**, 27, recently completed one week of service in South Bend Indiana, where he helped lead a group of students from the **Notre Dame Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity** to construct a home for a low-income family in need.

"I love teaching students," said Dowdall, who is a Notre Dame alumnus and former president of the Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. "When you arrive at the location on the first-day, they don't know how to swing a hammer or take nails out. By the end of the week, it's amazing to see these same people capable of building an entire house for a family in need."

For the fourth consecutive year, Dowdall used one week of his vacation time at his current job with Newton-based **Commodore Builders** to perform the service work along with other alumni volunteers and student volunteers. The team worked in conjunction with the local St. Joseph County, Indiana affiliate for Habitat for Humanity to construct a 1,200 square foot single-story house, including three to four bedrooms, a modest kitchen, living room, and bathroom.

"We are proud of Brendan for combining his industry expertise with his passion for community service to participate in such a worthwhile cause," said **Joe Albanese**, President and Founder of Commodore Builders. "Brendan's commitment has helped provide decent and affordable housing for a family in need. I admire his values-focused approach to life."

The Notre Dame Campus Chapter is the first college chapter in the country to fund and build their own Habitat for Humanity house every year, and continues that tradition today. Before they began working to construct this house, the Notre Dame Habitat chapter raised approximately **\$65,000** to purchase the building materials.

“More companies should consider encouraging their employees to make time to volunteer,” said Dowdall. “In supporting my volunteerism, Commodore has enriched me, and also the lives of a family I’ve never even met.”

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About Commodore Builders:

Commodore’s mission is to set a new standard of excellence for the delivery of construction management services to clients. Commodore believes the quality of the construction *process* is as important as the quality of the construction. From project conception to preconstruction, execution, closeout and warranty service, Commodore’s role is to anticipate and manage the risks inherent in construction. Commodore takes charge, so the process for clients is easy and the outcome is excellence in execution.

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 Americus, Ga., in 1976, Habitat has built more than 200,000 houses in nearly 100 countries, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1 million people. For more information, visit www.habitat.org.