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**Habitat for Humanity of Kitsap County and Bremerton Central Lions Club Partner to Build Final Home in Whittle Lane Community**

**(Kitsap County, WA – May 2024)** - Habitat for Humanity of Kitsap County, in collaboration with our lead house sponsor, Bremerton Central Lions Club, is thrilled to announce the commencement of the fifth and final home construction in the Whittle Lane community. This endeavor marks a significant milestone in providing affordable housing solutions in our region.

The Whittle Lane community, already a cherished neighborhood for four Habitat families, owes its existence to the gracious contribution from the Douglas Whittle family. Their generosity, coupled with the support on the final home from the Bremerton Lions Club, has made it possible to realize the dream of homeownership for local families.

The total cost to develop and build a Habitat home on the Whittle site is supported through private and public donations, volunteers, and the sweat equity of partner families. Additionally, we are proud to involve the construction students from West Sound Technical Skills Center in this project. This collaboration not only fosters learning opportunities for students but also underscores our commitment to nurturing the next generation of builders and advocates for affordable housing.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the fifth home at Whittle Lane will take place on May 15th at 1:30 pm. Board and staff members of Habitat for Humanity, members of the Lions Club, and esteemed guests including Bremerton Mayor Greg Wheeler will be in attendance to commemorate this momentous occasion.

"The partnership with Habitat for Humanity is a testament to our commitment to community service and celebrates our 100th anniversary of giving back to the Bremerton community," remarked Bob Perkins, Bremerton Lions Club Board President. "We are honored to contribute both financially and through volunteer efforts to make the dream of homeownership a reality for families in need."

One of the selected homeowners, a mother seeking stability and security for her family, expressed her gratitude for the opportunity. She shared, "I applied for a Habitat home for my four-year-old daughter, hoping to provide her with a stable environment where she can thrive and grow."

At Habitat for Humanity, we believe in empowering families to achieve strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable homeownership. Partner families purchase Habitat homes with low-interest loans tailored to their monthly income. Since 1990, Habitat for Humanity has built homes for more than 100 families in Kitsap County.

However, to complete the construction of the fifth home and continue our mission, we still require additional support. We invite individuals and organizations passionate about affordable housing to join us in our fundraising efforts. Your contribution will make a tangible difference in the lives of families in need.

For those interested in volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, opportunities abound. Whether lending a hand on a construction site or assisting with administrative tasks, every contribution makes a difference. To learn more and sign up, please email volunteer@kitsaphabitat.org or visit our website at kitsaphabitat.org/volunteer.

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