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A note of personal thanks to all my donors:

Saturday culminated in a gratifying dedication of a Habitat home named in my honor to a deserving family. As you view our video you will see an extraordinary family so obvious that I hardly need to say more.

The one concern most often expressed to me over my years of volunteering at Habitat is whether it is a good idea to give homes to families. The answer is simply that we don't. As we say, we give a hand up, not a hand out. We build homes with your donations and many gifts in kind as well as revenue from our resale store. The new home owner assumes a regular mortgage, except that it is interest free. And they put in many hours of "sweat equity" as the house is being built. We do this around the world, and make it a better place.

Habitat for Humanity has its roots in poor, rural Georgia and a slum in West Africa, led by a theologian and a young millionaire turned missionary. The seeds they planted have grown and grown, nurtured by people like you.

I have received a list of Hoppe House donors and your addresses, but not the amounts, as it should be. They are all the same to me, and I thank our executive director, Madeline Zwicke, for allowing me to append this note to our video email.

My love to all of you,

Layne