

# PRESS RELEASE

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## “Westside Executives Improving Their Community”

*Top-level executives get together to build homes for Habitat*

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Several local executives have cleared their calendars, and will be shutting off their cell phones and exchanging their power tie's for work boots and hard hats on June 22nd when they meet up at Vance Place on SW 160th and Farmington Road - the current neighborhood being built by Willamette West Habitat for Humanity.

These brave volunteers will be paving the way for future executives as they participate in the first **Habitat for Humanity Executive Build** to be held on the Westside. Wells Fargo Regional President Don Pearson and Washington County Commissioner Dick Schouten are co-hosting the event.

Joining Don Pearson and Commissioner Schouten will be Rick Wills, former CEO of Tektronix; Peter Bragdon from Columbia Sportswear; Alex Jackson from Providence St. Vincent Medical Center; Bryce Fendall, John Burnett and Dan Fry from IBM; David Jones from Luis Palau Association; Sarah Crooks from Perkins Coie; and from the Willamette West Habitat for Humanity board of directors: Family Selection chair Kirsten Goetz and Board President Dan Fako.

Willamette West Habitat for Humanity's Executive Build is an exclusive half day build that brings together Washington County's top level executive officers, who will have the opportunity to give back to the community by helping to build homes for deserving low-income families. Dan Fako: "Westside area companies play a critical role in the success of Willamette West Habitat's housing program, and we look forward to hosting these executives, some of whom already support us and others who will be experiencing what we do for the first time."

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### **About Willamette West Habitat for Humanity**

Willamette West Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to generating homeownership and benefiting our community by building simple, decent, affordable housing with an emphasis on building neighborhoods. Since 1988, we have built 56 homes in Washington County, and look to complete five more in 2010. Habitat works in partnership with low-income families, volunteers, donors, and organizations to receive donated materials, volunteer labor and generous financial gifts. Qualifying family's receive a zero-percent interest rate and monthly payments structured to their income. Mortgage payments go into a fund which is then recycled back in to the community to build additional houses. For more information, visit us at [habitatwest.org](http://habitatwest.org).

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