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**Build love, not fear - Local Muslims, Interfaith Groups, and Habitat for Humanity stand together against cultural intolerance.**

*Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento announces bold nationwide challenge with "Build for Unity".*

Sacramento, CA (Jan 15 2016) – Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento is proud to announce Build for Unity, a project that will bring together members of the Muslim and interfaith communities to fund and build homes for two local families in need.

In light of today's national rhetoric regarding refugees and our Muslim friends and neighbors, the Build for Unity is a statement about Sacramento's shared values: diversity, inclusion and community. Piloted in the nation's most diverse city, this monumental interfaith effort will bring together people of all faiths and walks of life to put aside our differences and build homes and relationships. The two homes will be built side by side to one another in North Sacramento.

At the Build for Unity kickoff event, local faith leaders and Habitat Greater Sacramento will be issuing a nationwide challenge and call to action for cities across the United States to host their own Build for Unity events and complete 100 homes for families nationwide.

**What:** Build for Unity kickoff event

**Who:** Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento, Congresswoman Doris Matsui, local faith groups and engaged community members

**When:** Tuesday, Jan19, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**Where:** Capitol Plaza Ballroom, Fraternity Hall (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor), 1025 9<sup>th</sup> St. Sacramento

This event is free and open to the public and press.

Community members will come together for the kickoff, hear from Congresswoman Matsui, local leaders, and families whose lives have been changed as previous recipients of Habitat homes. There will be a musical performance and a call for prayer. Attendees will also be invited to sign their names and well wishes onto large pieces of drywall, which will then be built into the Build for Unity homes.

You can follow the event on social media using the hashtag #BuildforUnity

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**About Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento:** Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento builds and repairs homes and community in partnership with thousands of volunteers, hard-working families, donors, civic leaders, and engaged community members. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International and has built 129 homes in Sacramento and Yolo County. Those interested in supporting our work or volunteering can find more information on our website: [www.habitatgreatersac.org](http://www.habitatgreatersac.org) or can follow us on Facebook at [Facebook.com/HabitatGreaterSac](https://www.facebook.com/HabitatGreaterSac), Twitter [@SacHabitat](https://twitter.com/SacHabitat), and Instagram [@SacHabitat](https://www.instagram.com/SacHabitat).