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



Good morning Senator Yaw and members of the Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee.

My name is Todd J. Fox, Executive Director of Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity (GLHFH) located in Williamsport, PA. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today and to share a commitment that I have in making a long term difference in the Greater Lycoming county areas.

My habitat affiliate covers the counties of Lycoming, Bradford, Tioga, Sullivan and portions of Clinton County. Over the next few minutes, my hope is to share with each of you my commitment to Habitat for Humanity, our community and the families we have the privilege of impacting through our organization.

Items to be discussed this morning:

-  Growth and opportunity
-  Priority of Habitat families
-  Why our affiliate desires to exist
-  Our 5 year strategic plan commitment
-  What can be mirrored in the greater Williamsport area
-  What is next for our affiliates mission
-  What can PA State Senate help us with
-  How will we accomplish our goals
-  Completing the first Habitat Village in Lycoming County

My hope is that after hearing of our impact, seeing our progress and realizing our commitment to our community and habitat families, we want to be recognized as an active leader in helping to eliminate sub standard housing in the greater Lycoming County area. Our efforts as well as over 2,300 other affiliates who contribute to the worldwide impact of Habitat for Humanity International, were just recognized as the #1 Private Builder in the Nation in 2008. We want to continue making progress through refurbished and new constructed homes...but more importantly as being a leader in family advocacy and mentoring. Together, our communities can be and will be impacted if we accept the challenge to make a difference in the lives we have the privilege of molding and mentoring.

Senator Yaw, thank you again for taking part in our recent 40th dedication. It was great having you and your staff with us during our special event. To the Senate Committee, thank you for allowing me to share my commitment with you and I personally would invite each of you whenever you are in the Williamsport area to call me so I can personally give you a tour of our homes and let you see first hand the impact we are making and the Village we want to create. Thank you.



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