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HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. &ndash;On April 23, 2005, Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (D-CA) joined more than 100 women from Orange County for the third &ldquo;Women Build&rdquo; home-building training project to build a home for a low-income Orange County family. Volunteers learned construction techniques from skilled construction crew leaders.

&ldquo;Orange County&rsquo;s skyrocketing housing market makes programs like Habitat for Humanity a critical component of providing affordable housing in the community,&rdquo; said Sanchez. &ldquo;It was a privilege to be a part of today&rsquo;s event and particularly exciting to see women learn construction skills from other women.&rdquo;

Habitat for Humanity of Orange County is dedicated to ending substandard housing and building strong communities. Habitat uses non-government donations of funding, materials, professional services and volunteer labor to build simple, decent homes which are sold to qualified very low-income families for a 1% down payment and a zero-interest mortgage. Mortgage payments are recycled to build more Habitat homes.

Habitat for Humanity families and volunteers have built 112 homes in Orange County since 1988, and will soon begin construction on seven homes in Cypress and one home in Huntington Beach.