



February 20th, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Habitat for Humanity's Act! Speak! Build! Week—April 12-18, 2015

Each year, young people around the globe participate in Habitat for Humanity's Act! Speak! Build! Week (ASBW). It is a unique experience of student-initiated, student-led advocacy for affordable housing.

We are asking for your help to promote Act! Speak! Build! Week, April 12 – 18, 2014, within your student population as a community service project. All students, 5-25, will earn service hours while helping Habitat for Humanity raise the social consciousness on poverty housing issues.

This year, Habitat LA is sponsoring a door decorating contest as its main ASBW activity—"A Key to Inspiration"(see attached flyer and packet for more information). In addition to the contest, there are other activities in which students can participate (included in packet).

Research studies have shown that young people who are civically engaged in their communities are more likely to serve as leaders during their college days and later in adulthood. You can help your students be advocates for safe and decent housing in L.A. and here is how:

Distribute ASBW information by posting and announcing the opportunity to students in your district, classrooms or organization. The details you need to support youth participation can be found on the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles website www.habitatla.org.

- **Encourage students to sign-up and to participate in the contest at www.habitatla.org.** The site offers advocacy facts and tools, activity and event ideas, resources and a link to register their participation.

ASBW Door Decorating Contest deadline is March 20, 2015. In order to be eligible, official entry forms and photos must be submitted via email or mailed and postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on March 20. Winners will be notified by April 1, 2015. The winning doors will be displayed at a public location (yet to be determined) and winners will be invited to a special reception.

Thank you in advance for considering your school's or organization's participation in Act! Speak! Build! Week. If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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