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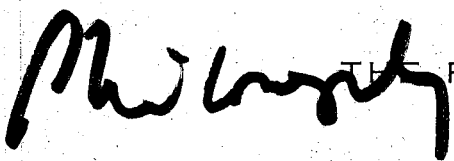
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About Habitat for Humanity

- Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to building houses for families in need. One of Habitat's slogans is "Building houses in partnership with God's people in need."

- This year is Habitat's 25th Anniversary.
It was founded by Millard Fuller and his wife, Linda, in 1976.
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- The average cost of a Habitat house in the U.S. is about \$46,000.

Houses are sold at no profit, with no interest charged on the mortgage.

About Waco Habitat for Humanity

- Waco Habitat began in 1986. The President will be helping to build its 64th house.
- Baylor University's Habitat Campus Chapter – the first in the world – helps Waco Habitat build many of its homes.

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Gladys Evans Family (their home will just have been built)

- Gladys Evans was born and raised in Waco, and grew up blocks from the site of her new Habitat home. She trains new employees at Cefco stores throughout Waco and the surrounding area.
- Destini Evans, 16, daughter.
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Administration Policy

- Next year's budget will triple funding available to groups like Habitat for Humanity.
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- The budget includes a Single-Family Affordable Housing tax credit to encourage investors to develop housing for low-income families.

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Suggested Lines

- I am in Waco today to help build a new house ... and to help celebrate a great cause: Habitat for Humanity's 25th anniversary. I often talk about the armies of compassion. Today I enlisted in one.
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