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## HOSANNA INDUSTRIES BRINGING HOPE TO HOMEWOOD

### Local Nonprofit Mission to Lead Volunteers in Five Day Blitz

PITTSBURGH, PA- During the week of August 12 through August 16, Hosanna Industries will lead over 100 volunteers to "blitz build" a house in the Homewood community of Pittsburgh. Hosanna Industries' "blitz builds" are made possible with volunteer labor, donated and discounted materials and a uniquely organized building method which compresses the average length of construction to less than five days. This rehab blitz will include a complete interior renovation of all three floors and the basement. Floors will be resurfaced, plaster repaired, plumbing upgraded, electrical retrofitted, walls painted, and new kitchens and bathrooms installed.

The renovated property on Idlewild Street will become a new youth home that will offer a calm, nurturing environment where young people can come to relax, do schoolwork, enjoy meals and find someone who will listen. The youth home is part of an initiative of Homewood Renaissance Association.

The Hosanna staff, made up of nine women and three men, is experienced and skilled in construction. They will lead over 100 volunteers who are mostly unskilled in the construction trades. Many of the volunteers for this project will be from Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church.

Some of the workers during this week are a part of Hosanna Industries' Trade Skill Learning Center. The students, mostly from Homewood, started learning the construction trades in January at Hosanna's campus. The program in total is three years long with a graduation goal to produce responsible professional builders. The students are also a part of the Homewood Renaissance's "All 4 Life" multi-faceted program.

The house will be dedicated with a short ceremony on Friday, August 16 at noon. At that time, visitors are welcome to tour the completed house.

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About Hosanna Industries: Hosanna Industries, Inc. is a faith-rooted, 501 (c)3 non-profit organization in southwestern Pennsylvania. The mission includes new construction and repair/rehabilitation services for low income homeowners; leading volunteers in disaster recovery; and training young people in the trade skills to give them a hope for the future. Its typical single client household in 2012 made less than \$13,000 a year. Since its founding in 1990 Hosanna Industries has provided nearly fifty million dollars worth of charitable work to the community for less than fourteen million dollars. It depends on the generosity of others to complete its work. For more information please visit [www.hosannaindustries.org](http://www.hosannaindustries.org).

About Homewood Renaissance Association: The mission of Homewood Renaissance Association is to improve the quality of life for community residents by creating critical need programs and aligning and enhancing the efforts of other area organizations. The nonprofit is dedicated to closing the poverty gap in Homewood and working to affect the areas that bring positive long term systemic change by collaborating with others. Homewood Renaissance Association was formed by the House of Manna church as a response to voiced community concerns. Supported by committed volunteers from churches in the Pittsburgh area, they are advancing change through integrating the services of non-profit partners. For more information please visit [www.homewoodrenaissance.org](http://www.homewoodrenaissance.org).

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