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Home Depot Foundation teams up with Habitat for Humanity

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The Home Depot Foundation has signed up as the premier sponsor of Habitat for Humanity's "Framing Frenzy," a project to frame 48 new houses along the Mississippi Gulf Coast from May 11 to 16.

The Home Depot Foundation said it has raised more than \$600,000 in cash and gift-in-kind products for the project.

Plus, about 100 volunteers from The Home Depot Foundation and 20 of its vendor partners will work side-by-side with the local community to build the framing structures for the 48 new houses, which will be completed by Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast by the end of the year.

"Their support more importantly is a measure of the commitment they have to families so severely impacted by the hurricanes of 2005," said Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity. "We're grateful for their participation and are eager to work with The Home

Depot family not only during this special framing event, but throughout the United States as we begin our new partnership to build decent, affordable, 'green' homes with families inside and outside the Gulf Coast region."

Habitat further plans build or rehabilitate 60 more homes in Biloxi, Pascagoula, and Gulfport during the five-day Framing Frenzy.