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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. –On Saturday, September 7, there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the eighth house built by both IWU and ISU chapters of Habitat for Humanity. Preliminary work for the newest home will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday and there will be an official groundbreaking ceremony from 11 a.m. to noon.

Each year since 1995, the Illinois Wesleyan chapter has worked alongside with Illinois State's chapter of Habitat to build a home in a special Habitat for Humanity sub-division called Humanity Lane. This home, the seventh on Humanity Lane, will be the last home built in the sub-division. The Illinois Wesleyan chapter of Habitat for Humanity began in 1990 and has over 30 active members volunteering throughout the Bloomington/Normal area.

First started in 1976, Habitat for Humanity has built over 125,000 homes in more than 80 countries. College and university involvement in the not-for-profit organization, began in 1987 at Baylor University. After the inception of Baylor's inaugural chapter, over 700 chapters of the organization sprung up at universities and high schools across the country.

As Habitat for Humanity is a Christian organization, the groundbreaking ceremony will include a prayer of blessing on the home being built, a prayer for those that will be living in the home once it is finished, and a prayer for the safety of those that will be building the home.

Since Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization, supplies for the building of homes must come from the help of local businesses and private donations. Many supplies come from independent contracting companies. IWU's chapter also holds fundraisers throughout the year. The group has car washes, holiday candy and card sales and a silent auction to raise money for their philanthropic club.

For more information contact Molly Marker, the president of IWU's chapter of Habitat for Humanity at 309/ 556-2917.