



# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MISSOULA

Habitat for Humanity of Missoula is a nonprofit organization that provides "a hand up" to low-income residents seeking decent, affordable housing. As one of more than 1700 active affiliates of Habitat for Humanity International in all 50 states and nearly 100 countries, the Missoula affiliate has been building homes with hardworking local families since its founding in 1991. Habitat's approach is to form a partnership with the families and get family members involved in the construction of their own homes through a donation of at least 500 "sweat equity" hours. Community volunteers help keep down costs by donating building materials and labor. The house payments that Habitat families make are recycled to build more houses locally. The strategy works: HfH of Missoula is completing construction of its 37th, 38th and 39th homes in Missoula. While Habitat is a Christian organization that in Missoula enjoys a covenant relationship with nearly 30 churches of various denominations, religious beliefs never are used as criteria for acceptance either as a partner family or a volunteer. The pledges that you, as singers, contribute enable Habitat to continue building homes in partnership with God's people. To learn more, call the Habitat office at 549-8210 or visit our website at [www.habitatmsla.org](http://www.habitatmsla.org).

## THE REHEARSALS AND THE TAPES

There will be two voluntary "no frills" rehearsals for singers - November 15th and 22nd, 1:30 -3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, 130 S. 6th St. E., Missoula. The only full rehearsal will be on the day of the performance - November 29th - from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the University Theater on the UM campus.

A limited number of rehearsal tapes will be available for check-out at the rehearsals. These tapes are professionally made. There are separate tapes for each choral part.

## THE SCORE

This is a production of the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah*. Many schools and churches have scores and we encourage you to find your own copy. The differences between scores are small. But, if you have a choice, look for the Watkins-Shaw (Novello) score. Scores are on sale at Morgenroth Music, 1105 W. Sussex Avenue, 728-5005. If you still need help getting a score, call the Habitat office at 549-8210.

## THE PLEDGE SHEETS AND INCENTIVES

On the reverse of this page we asked you to help us meet our goal of \$150 per singer. Many pledge events - walkathons, bikeathons, etc. - set the required minimum much higher than \$75 (\$40 for students). We want the "Hallelujah Chorus" to be easy to join. We want hundreds of singers of all ages to sing. Still, we hope you won't stop at the minimum but will push on for the cause of decent affordable housing in Missoula. Your extra efforts will convince the soloists, orchestra, volunteers and our sponsors that this event will make a real difference in Missoula and is worth supporting in the years to come.

**AIM HIGH!** To help us show our gratitude, many local businesses have donated great incentive prizes. **Prize packages will awarded to the top five student fundraisers and the top ten general fundraisers.** The packages will range from a retail value of \$25 to over \$400 for the Grand Prize Packages.

You may turn in your pledges early - to the Habitat office, PO Box 7181, Missoula 59807; at the rehearsals on the 15th or 22nd, or at the rehearsal on the day of the performance. If you want to compete for prizes your pledges must be collected and turned in by Friday, December 4th. Prize winners will be determined and notified after that date. **But, regardless of when you turn in your pledges, if you are singing, we would like to hear from you by Sunday, November 22nd, at the rehearsal so we can put you in the program, plan our stage setup, refreshments, etc. CALL THE HABITAT OFFICE - 549-8210.**

# THANKS FOR SINGING!