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Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity Awarded Mabee Challenge

Independence, MO—The J. E. and L. E. Mabee Foundation has issued a challenge grant to the Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity (THHFH) organization in response to their announcing the kick-off of their capital campaign to renovate the historic Hiram Young School Building in Independence, MO. This building was once the only all Black school in Independence to educate the African American students in the community.

THHFH is renovating this school to house the administrative offices of Truman Habitat as well as to hold a Life Skills Center, Nutritional Center and a Hiram Young museum to honor the history of Hiram Young (a former prominent citizen, business owner and slave) and the students who attended the Young School.

Dan Montgomery, THHFH board president states, “We are very grateful for the support from the Mabee Foundation. They saw the important role our Habitat for Humanity Affiliate plays in offering safe, affordable housing to our community. This building will add the much needed capacity for THHFH to be able to leverage our strengths and address the growing needs of the community for affordable housing and self-sustainability.” The Mabee Challenge includes a twelve month period during which THHFH must raise the remaining dollars needed to complete the renovation of the school in order to receive the funding from Mabee. The deadline to raise the challenge amount of \$715,000 is December 31, 2017.

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Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit ecumenical Christian ministry helping families in Eastern Jackson County, Missouri. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. A decent home gives them the strength, stability and independence they need to create a better life for themselves and their families. A decent home and an affordable zero percent interest mortgage creates a situation where homeowners can save more, invest in education, and have more financial stability. To learn more about Truman Heritage Habitat, visit www.trumanhabitat.org