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## Trading stilettos for work boots

*Arapahoe County Commissioner, staff take part in Habitat for Humanity Women Build*

**Aurora, Colo.** - Arapahoe County Commissioner Pat Noonan and nine female staff traded their stilettos for work boots on Saturday to take part in Habitat for Humanity's Women Build, a home built entirely by women volunteers.

The Aurora home is being built for Stephanie Byrd and her three daughters. As owner of the new home Stephanie must put in 250 "sweat equity" hours toward building her home and the homes of other Habitat partner families.

"I can't believe that so many women volunteer their Saturday to help someone they don't even know," said Byrd. "I appreciate them so much and thanks to them, my three children will finally have a yard of their own to play in. We can't wait."

Each year, Arapahoe County receives funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to be used for the development, rehabilitation or acquisition of attainable housing in our community. This year a portion of the funds, \$200,000, was given to Habitat for Humanity to acquire a property in Englewood to build eight homes (four duplexes). The four homes will be under construction in 2009 - 2010.

Habitat for Humanity provides homes with zero-interest mortgage payments to hard-working, income eligible families. Families selected for the homes are chosen by Habitat for Humanity based on housing need, willingness to partner, and ability to repay their mortgage. The new homeowner must contribute 250 hours toward building their home, along with many community volunteers and sponsor support.

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*Captions: Arapahoe County Commissioner Pat Noonan works her magic on the power saw.*

*Showing their stuff: Arapahoe County staff voluntarily trade in their stilettos for work boots to help build a habitat for humanity home.*