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**DAUGHTER CELEBRATES LATE FATHER'S
LEGACY BY RAISING FUNDS TO BUILD A
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME IN HIS
HONOR**



June 1, 2005 - CULVER CITY—Devoted daughter Kristine Kinsey, a Culver City-based mortgage broker, has launched a campaign to memorialize her late father, by raising funds to build a Habitat for Humanity home in his honor. Thomas Anthony Middeler, a crew leader for Habitat for Humanity, passed away in August 2003 from colon cancer. Kinsey's goal is to raise \$100,000 in total and the first \$50,000 by September 22, 2005, what would have been her father's 68th birthday.

Kinsey has pledged the first \$10,000 donation, and the campaign has raised another \$1,700 thus far. Donors can make checks payable to Habitat for Humanity and write "Thomas A. Middeler and Friends" in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to Habitat for Humanity, South Bay/Long Beach at 17700 S. Figueroa Street, Gardena, CA 90248. A number of family-friendly events are planned for the summer to involve members of the Culver City, West Los Angeles and South Bay communities in the campaign. The Middeler family and friends will break ground on the Thomas Anthony Middeler Memorial House in San Pedro in spring 2006 if they can meet their goal.

After 33 years of service to the Ohio Army National Guard, Middeler retired and spent the next 10 years volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in Columbus, Ohio, where he was the crew leader on 50 plus Habitat for Humanity homes. He also worked on projects in Georgia, Texas and California. He helped build a house in Wilmington, California immediately prior to his diagnosis of stage four cancer in January 2001. Middeler took time off for surgery, chemotherapy and radiation, and went back to work swinging his hammer until July 2003, one month before he died. His daughter now swings his hammer in his honor.

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About Habitat for Humanity:

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that builds houses for low-income, working families all across the United States and abroad. Families that are granted Habitat for Humanity houses must be employed and contribute 500 hours of sweat equity into the building of their own home. They must also work on other families' homes. They are given an interest-free home loan that they pay back over thirty years. To send a donation or volunteer on the housing project, contact the parties listed below.

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