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## Square D® / Schneider Electric helps Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area build home

*Local donation is part of a nationwide effort to provide product for 22,500 Habitat homes*

Harrisburg, PA (April 17, 2007) – Square D® / Schneider Electric is joining Harrisburg Habitat for Humanity to sponsor and also help build a home in Harrisburg, PA.

The 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom home is located at 17 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street in Harrisburg and will be for the Bryant-Walker family. Construction on the home will begin at 11:00 a.m. on April 24 and will be built by Schneider Electric employees and their families, as well as other volunteers interested in participating. The home is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. Volunteers may contact the Harrisburg area affiliate at (717) 545-7299.

Square D / Schneider Electric is also helping Habitat for Humanity across the country. The company is providing a Square D brand load center, circuit breakers and other related electrical equipment to every Habitat home built nationwide in a partnership worth \$7 million. Square D is the flagship brand of Schneider Electric in the U.S. for electrical distribution and industrial control products, systems and services.

Dave Petratis, President and CEO of the Schneider Electric North American Operating Division, said, "We are committed to making a difference in our communities. We have a responsibility to give back and, by working with Habitat for Humanity, we can make a lasting impact on families in Harrisburg and around the U.S."

"We are grateful to Square D and Schneider Electric for their donation that will help families locally and across the country have a simple, decent place to call home," said Chris Guss, Director of Development, Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area.

As a national partner and a Cornerstone Society member of Habitat's "More Than Houses" campaign, Square D / Schneider Electric has already contributed approximately \$6 million in residential electrical equipment for use in homes built in the United States, Canada and Mexico since 2001. In addition, the company donated labor, supplies and more than \$1 million to eight separate initiatives in the Gulf Region last year, helping to rebuild cherished community locations such as athletic facilities, museums and a medical clinic damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

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The Harrisburg area affiliate is scheduled to build 4 homes, plus their new headquarters, this year and is in need of additional volunteers, funding and committee members.

Headquartered in Palatine, Ill., the North American Operating Division of Schneider Electric had sales of \$3.7 billion (U.S.) in 2006. The North American Operating Division is one of four operating divisions of Schneider Electric, headquartered in Paris, France, and markets the Square D, Telemecanique and Merlin Gerin brand products to customers in the United States, Canada and Mexico. In the United States, Schneider Electric is best known by its flagship Square D brand, with Telemecanique becoming increasingly known in the industrial control and automation markets and supported by many Square D distributors. For more than 100 years, Square D has been a market-leading brand of electrical distribution and industrial control products, systems and services. Schneider Electric is a global electrical industry leader with 2006 sales of approximately \$17.2 billion (U.S.). Visit Schneider Electric on the Internet at:

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#### **About Habitat for Humanity of the Greater Harrisburg Area**

Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its inception in 1986, the Harrisburg area affiliate has built nearly 50 houses in the Harrisburg, PA area providing simple, decent and affordable shelter with families in need. For more information, visit [www.harrisburghabitat.org](http://www.harrisburghabitat.org)

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