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Habitat for Humanity presents 'Shack City' event

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Staff reports

Delaware County Habitat for Humanity is presenting its “Shack City 2009” beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday in downtown Delaware.

The event, in cooperation with the Habitat Youth United team, is an effort to bring awareness to the plight of 150,000 homeless Ohioans. It ends Sunday morning. Students, youth groups and organizations are invited to use cardboard boxes and tape — instead of wood and nails — to build their “homes” for one night.

“This is a great opportunity to raise awareness — and money — for those who live with no roof over their heads,” Habitat Resource Development Director Valerie Wigton said. “Shack City provides participants with a first-hand experience of what it feels like to be without adequate shelter — just what thousands of Ohioans feel every night. “

Money donated to the cause goes to build Habitat for Humanity/Youth United homes in partnership with Delaware County families. Habitat’s Youth United team built its first completely youth-funded Habitat home at 137 S. Liberty St., Delaware, earlier this year.

Participants may “enter” Shack City with a \$5 donation. Pizza will be provided Saturday night, while William Street United Methodist Church will provide breakfast to Shack City participants Sunday morning.

A limited number of cardboard boxes and plastic protection will be available on a first come-first served basis. All participants must sign a Habitat waiver form, available at

habitatdelawareco.org/construction or at Shack City. Those under 18 must also bring a signed permission slip from a parent/guardian. Habitat Youth United leaders will chaperone.

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