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YPAL breaks ground on first LEED Certified Habitat House in metro Louisville
Mayor Abramson, Councilman Tandy and other distinguished guests in attendance

(Louisville, KY) The Young Professionals Association of Louisville (YPAL) recently broke ground on the first LEED Certified Habitat for Humanity house in metro Louisville located at 1227 Clay Street.

“This house represents the will and hope of the Louisville community for change,” said Rob Locke, executive director of the Louisville chapter of Habitat for Humanity. “And YPAL is the future of this change.”

The LEED Certified Habitat for Humanity house is the capstone project for YPAL’s Green Initiative, which launched earlier this year after a member survey showed overwhelming support for the group to advocate sustainability in Louisville.

“Louisville’s young professionals care about sustainability so we decided to show the community what we could do as an organization and generation to spark a green movement in this city,” said Cash Moter, president of YPAL.

The project is being powered totally by young professionals and their sponsors including the planning, design, funding and volunteer recruitment for the build.

“It’s an inspirational project for the city in that not only is it being led by the next generation of leaders, but that it supports efforts towards creating a sustainable Louisville,” said Moter. “This is a big step forward in this movement.”

Mayor Jerry Abramson spoke to an audience of over 50 people. Additionally, Councilman David Tandy welcomed the new homeowner to the fourth district. Other distinguished guests included Rob Locke, Habitat for Humanity; Merrill Moter, Joseph & Joseph; John R. Crockett III, Frost Brown Todd; Diane Medley, Mountjoy Chilton Medley; Mike Mountjoy, Mountjoy Chilton Medley; John Megibben, Messer Construction; Mike Moll, PNC Bank; E-on - Deborah Shobe, E. ON; Steve Wilhite, Summit Energy Services and members of the 2009-2010 YPAL Board of Directors.

YPAL's Green Initiative is geared towards educating its members about sustainability and ways they can put it into practice in their own lives at work, at home and at play. YPAL has organized a Green Team in support of the Green Initiative and Habitat for Humanity project as well as coordinate other green-related events and activities.

YPAL's Green Initiative is sponsored by Frost Brown Todd; Mountjoy Chilton Medley; Joseph & Joseph Architects; PNC Bank; Summit Energy Services; Messer Construction; E. ON US; Advanced Electrical Systems (AES); Bailey Tools & Supply, Inc.; Hilliard Lyons; International Interior Design Association (IIDA) and Heine Brothers.

For more information about YPAL's Green Initiative, please visit www.ypal.org.

About YPAL

The Young Professionals Association of Louisville (YPAL) was created in 1999 after a study showed Louisville was losing its young people after college graduation to larger cities. Since its inception, YPAL has built credibility as a social and professional organization for young professionals in Louisville and Southern Indiana to be a conduit to connect to their communities. YPAL strives to connect and engage Metro Louisville's young professionals through community, professional and social opportunities.

About YPAL's Green Initiative

A member survey conducted in 2009 proved immense support for 'green' issues including sustainability within the Louisville community. The YPAL board harnessed that support to undertake the largest project in YPAL history – to build a LEED Certified Habitat for Humanity house. The project is completely powered by young professionals and our sponsors. The 16-week build will begin in the middle of June.

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