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ORADELL, NJ, November 6, 2015 – All children deserve a place to call their own and thanks to the work of Mercedes-Benz (MBUSA) volunteers, ten local families and nonprofit organizations will now spend fun-filled days in their very own custom-built playhouses.

Over 100 Mercedes-Benz employees spent the day participating in a Playhouse Build with Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County (Habitat Bergen) at their campus in Montvale.



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Through Habitat Bergen's Play house Program, volunteers spent the day cutting, hammering and nailing pieces of the play house together, all to bring smiles to local children in need. Volunteers were split into teams, each with their own goal whether it was building a roof, building a wall or painting.

In addition to the ten play houses, volunteers built twenty birdhouses, which will be decorated and auctioned off at Habitat Bergen's future events.

The volunteer initiative was supported by local organizations such as United Water, Callahan's, and Johnny on the Spot.

"Volunteering is part of our DNA in the communities in which we live and work. Projects like this one with Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County have an impact on the next generation both in terms of what they provide and by showing that there are people out there who care about them. It was an inspiring day for all of us." said Meghan Barss, Senior Administrative Assistant Customer Assistance Center, Mercedes-Benz.

"The Mercedes-Benz team touched a remarkable amount of families today. You could feel the



energy and excitement onsite, knowing that the volunteers felt a true sense of importance in the act of volunteering," said Jacey Raimondo, Habitat Bergen Executive Director. "They proved that with determination and teamwork anything is possible."

To view photos from this team build, visit

<https://www.facebook.com/habitatbergen>. For more information about Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County, contact Nicole Murray at nicolem@habitatbergen.org, or call 201.457.1020.

About Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County

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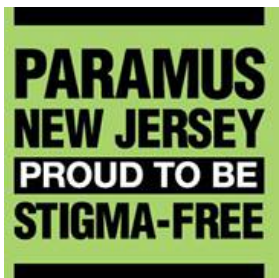
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of the earth by working in partnership with people in need. Using volunteer labor and donated funds and materials, Habitat Bergen builds or rehabilitates simple, decent houses and sells them to low-income families at cost, but with no interest added. Habitat Bergen is a people-to-people partnership, which joins all of us together regardless of race, nationality, religion, or socioeconomic status. That partnership begins with the homeowner families (partner families). Habitat Bergen is not a giveaway program, but a joint venture in which those who benefit from the housing ministry are involved in the work at various levels. They help with the construction of their own home, as well as the houses of their neighbors.

About Mercedes-Benz USA

Mercedes-Benz USA (MBUSA), headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, is responsible for the distribution, marketing and customer service for all Mercedes-Benz products in the United States. For the 50 years MBUSA has operated in this country, the company has been an integral part of the communities in which it does business and the neighborhoods where its employees live and work. A common thread through its activities over the decades has been a commitment to nurturing leadership. To that end, MBUSA places particular emphasis on initiatives designed to protect the next generation through partnerships focused on health, safety and their environment as well as to empower youth to achieve success. MBUSA is dedicated to helping today's youth develop the tools they need to reach their full potential and become the leaders and success stories of tomorrow.



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