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**WORLDWIDE, 100-HOUSE BUILD TO HONOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FOUNDER
President Jimmy Carter will address hundreds of volunteers at opening ceremony**

During the week of Aug. 30 to Sept. 4, thousands of volunteers with The Fuller Center for Housing in more than 25 U.S. cities and nine other countries will build, renovate or dedicate 100 homes for families in need as part of the inaugural Millard Fuller Legacy Build. From Arkansas to Peru, from Indiana to El Salvador, more than one-thousand volunteers are expected to participate in the seven-day event honoring The Fuller Center's and Habitat for Humanity's late founder, Millard Fuller, and his vision of eliminating poverty housing worldwide.

The Millard Fuller Legacy Build is anchored in Lanett, Ala., the hometown of Mr. Fuller, who had planned to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary in August 2009 with the blitz build. He wished for 100 homes to be completed to honor every year of his marriage and every year of his wife Linda's marriage. After his unexpected death on February 3, 2009, Fuller Center supporters refocused the event on honoring and continuing Mr. Fuller's life work. In Lanett, volunteers will build six new homes and conduct Greater Blessing repairs and renovations on another eight homes in the area, effectively changing the face of an entire neighborhood.

The kickoff celebration will take place in Mr. Fuller's boyhood home of Lanett, Ala., on **Sunday, August 30 at 3:30 p.m. EST** in the Valley Community Center. President Jimmy Carter, a longtime supporter of Mr. Fuller, will be the keynote speaker. Morris Dees, a former business partner of Mr. Fuller and the co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, will also speak. The event is free and open to the public. Visit www.FullerCenter.org.

"I'd do anything to help honor Millard Fuller's legacy," President Carter told the LaGrange Daily News regarding the celebration. "He was one of my personal heroes. He was a great inspiration."

Fuller Center President David Snell said that this is how legacies are built. "During his 33 years building houses, Millard Fuller helped 200,000 families know the joy of having a decent home to call their own," said Snell. "It is a legacy that ought to be celebrated and built upon, and that's just what we'll do with the Millard Fuller Legacy Build. We are working to provide another 100 families with a decent place to live."

The U.S. Census Bureau's 2005 American Housing Survey reports that almost two million people live with a hole in their roof, 3.7 million live with broken windows and 2.5 million live in a house where the foundation is crumbling beneath them. RealtyTrac reports that 2008 foreclosure filings are up 81% from 2007 and 225% from 2006. The current need for simple, decent, affordable housing is tremendous. This Fall, The Fuller Center for Housing is stepping up its work toward turning around these distressing figures.

Additional Information:

The Fuller Center for Housing, an ecumenical Christian non-profit, was started in 2005 by Habitat for Humanity founder Millard Fuller as a way to continue his vision of a grassroots movement working to eliminate poverty housing worldwide. By forming partnerships with local organizations, The Fuller Center provides the structure, guidance and support that communities need to build and repair homes for the impoverished among them. Visit www.FullerCenter.org for more information.

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