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Fuller Center celebrates 4th anniversary

Americus, Ga. (April 16, 2009) – It was four years ago, on April 16, 2005, that a small group of committed followers of the “Theology of the Hammer” and friends of Millard Fuller gathered at Koinonia Farm to launch what became The Fuller Center for Housing.

Throughout his life, Millard was continually known for tapping people on the shoulder and telling them “God is calling you to help your neighbors in need.”

The faithful few at the first meeting responded to Millard’s invitation and said, “I believe!” In just four short years their vision for the new organization was planted in over 50 communities around the United States and is building in over 15 additional countries around the world. The year 2009 also marks the fortieth anniversary of the first house built that started this movement in 1969 at Koinonia.

The Fuller Center is celebrating the occasion throughout the day on April 16th with two special events at their Americus office located at 701 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. The community is invited and welcome to attend.

8:00 – 8:30am - Morning Devotions led by Rev. Alan Purtill of Americus First Presbyterian Church

4:00 – 5:00pm – Fuller Center 4th Anniversary Celebration – a time of fellowship with staff, volunteers, board members and community, light refreshments served.

This event will also mark the welcoming of The Fuller Center's new Vice President of Communications, Faith Fuller, who is also the daughter of Fuller Center founder Millard Fuller. “This is a bitter-sweet event,” says Fuller. “My father would have loved to have been here with us for this celebration. This was his life's work and he loved every second of it.”

Millard Fuller died unexpectedly earlier this year on February 3rd of an aortic aneurysm. He was 74 years old.

The Fuller Center's new President, David Snell, says “We know we’re on the right track because of the blessings we’ve received. In four short years we’ve gone from nothing to having covenant partners across the United States and around the world. Our supporters have been generous and the work is expanding. We are truly blessed.”

The fourth anniversary celebration is a time for friends and volunteers to pause and give

thanks for the generosity and leadership of the movement's founders: Clarence Jordan and Millard and Linda Fuller who had the audacity to say, "All of God's people deserve a decent place to live." The Fuller Center staff will be honoring the thousands and thousands of volunteers who have helped house over 1.5 million people around the globe.

For more information about The Fuller Center, visit fullercenter.org.

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About The Fuller Center for Housing

The Fuller Center for Housing is a non-profit Christian organization that promotes collaborative and innovative partnerships with individuals, organizations, corporations, and groups of all faiths in an unrelenting quest to provide adequate shelter for all people in need. To learn more about The Fuller Center for Housing, visit www.fullercenter.org.