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## **Linda Morgan Re-Appointed to Affordable Housing Advisory Council**

(Des Moines, Iowa) – Linda Morgan, Executive Director of Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity, was recently re-appointed to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines Affordable Housing Advisory Council (AHAC). Her three-year term will begin on January 1, 2009.

As executive director of Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity, Morgan has been committed to service area expansion. Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity now builds homes with families in Black Hawk, Butler and Bremer Counties. Morgan has demonstrated her innovative approaches and persistent efforts in improving housing options in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls regions. She led the organization in creating their first five year strategic plan which includes building 10 homes per year by 2009 and serving 100 families. Morgan's experience and counsel have been valuable as a facilitator and trainer for Iowa Habitat Affiliates.

Morgan is also actively involved in pursuing grants and leadership opportunities. In 2004, Habitat for Humanity International awarded Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity the Capacity Build grant and in 2007 recognized the organization during the annual Leadership Conference. Morgan has participated in Thrivent Builds since 2005.

FHLB Des Moines Affordable Housing Advisory Council is a 15-member group that advises the Bank on housing and economic development programs and needs. AHAC members are a diverse group of people from across the Bank's five-state district of Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota and South Dakota. Council representatives typically have an extensive housing and economic development background.

Warren Hanson, president and CEO, Greater Minnesota Housing Fund in St. Paul, Minnesota; Lynn Fundingsland, executive director, Fargo Housing and Redevelopment in Fargo, North Dakota; Melanie Benjamin, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in Onamia, Minnesota and Shawn Pritchett, executive director, South Eastern Council of Government in Sioux Falls, South Dakota were all re-appointed to another three-year term on the Bank's advisory council.

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