

# America The Bountiful

## Feel At Home Recycling To Help Families

(NAPSA)—This year many families will become first time homeowners, thanks to an unusual source: the aluminum can. Worth about a penny, the recycled aluminum can has generated over 1.8 million dollars through a national recycling program that benefits one of America's favorite charities.

That money helped build more than 35 Habitat for Humanity homes thanks to the joint efforts of the Aluminum Association and Habitat for Humanity International.

Since the Aluminum Cans Build Habitat for Humanity Homes (ACBHHH) program began in 1997, more than four million pounds of aluminum cans have been recycled by and for Habitat affiliates.

"The ACBHHH program has made a remarkable difference in hundreds of communities," said Millard Fuller, founder and president of Habitat for Humanity International. "Habitat affiliates use the program to complete construction on homes. There is so much need out there. You may be too old or too young to swing a hammer, but everyone can recycle."

A national recycling network consists of more than 475 Habitat affiliates around the nation and 2,000 recycling centers. Homes funded by aluminum can recycling have been built in Cleveland, Ohio; Denver, Colo.; Houston, Texas; Knoxville, Tenn.; Yuma, Ariz.; and Americus, Ga., as well as many other locations across the country.

In Yuma, Ariz., a dedicated group of senior citizens raised more than \$55,000 through the recycling program. In Fort Wayne, Ind., second grade students held a can drive that netted around 1,000 pounds of



**Recycled aluminum cans are helping to build Habitat for Humanity homes nationwide. Visit [www.cansforhabitat.org](http://www.cansforhabitat.org) to find out more.**

cans. Homerun slugger Sammy Sosa supported the program through a national public service announcement that aired approximately 43,000 times.

Since 1976, Habitat for Humanity has built more than 100,000 homes around the world. The organization estimates that over 3.5 million families are in need of simple housing in America. Those selected for Habitat homes invest hours in the home's construction and pay a monthly mortgage.

By recycling for Habitat for Humanity, you can help fulfill a family's dream of owning a home.

For more information on the ACBHHH program visit the Web site at [www.cansforhabitat.org](http://www.cansforhabitat.org) or call toll-free 1-888-798-CANS.