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WESTAR ENERGY DONATES AIRTAPS TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Energy efficient devices save homeowners money on water heating.

TOPEKA, Kan., June 11, 2010 — Westar Energy, Inc. (NYSE:WR) will deliver seven AirTap water heaters to the Wichita Habitat for Humanity Wonder Week build site at 10 a.m. June 14 near S. 44th and Victoria in Wichita.

The delivery comes a part of Wichita Habitat for Humanity's preparation for its Wonder Week Blitz Build from June 17 to 25. During Wonder Week volunteers will build seven homes in eight days. The event is the launch of a new neighborhood development, Habitat's South Village.

"Our partnership with Westar reflects the amazing community support we enjoy that changes lives by building homes," Linda Stewart, executive director, Wichita Habitat for Humanity, said. "Their donation helps our homeowners go above and beyond by being more economical and sustainable. This is a win-win-win partnership."

Westar Energy supports Wichita Habitat for Humanity by donating AirTap water heater heat pumps and providing energy efficiency education to residents. In 2009, Westar donated 20 AirTaps for Habitat homes, 16 of those in Wichita. Twenty donations are planned in 2010. AirTaps make water heating more energy efficient by using heat from the air surrounding the

water heating unit to help heat the water, just like an outdoor heat pump extracts heat from outdoors to heat a home. The AirTap works in conjunction with an electric water heater.

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About Wichita Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity International is a non-profit ecumenical Christian housing ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in Americus, Ga., in 1976, Habitat has built more than 300,000 houses in nearly 100 countries, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1 million people. Habitat homes are sold at no profit and purchased by low-income households through no-profit 0%-interest mortgages. The local Wichita Habitat for Humanity chapter, founded in 1986, has built 122 homes in the Sedgwick County area and has plans to build 18 homes in 2010, including 7 in 8 days as a part of "Wonder Week 2010" blitz build. For more information, visit www.wichitahabitat.org.