

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

building houses in partnership with God's people in need

December 14, 1987

Affiliate President
Mesilla Valley HFH
P.O. Box 3484
Las Cruces, NM 88003

Dear Affiliate President:

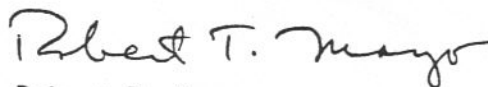
This letter will confirm that Mesilla Valley HFH has been added to the roster of exempt subordinates included in Habitat for Humanity, Inc.'s group exemption under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The enclosed copy of the group exemption letter received from the IRS provides evidence of Habitat's group exemption. That letter, together with this letter which confirms your affiliate's exempt subordinate status, provide evidence of your tax exempt status under section 501 (c) (3) of the Code. Both these letters should be retained as part of your affiliate's permanent records.

Please note that if your gross income is normally more than \$25,000, you are required to file Form 990, Return of Organizations Exempt from Income Tax, by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. Also, note that a significant penalty is imposed when a return is filed late. While filing of a group return by Habitat's national office is a permitted option, that does not appear to be a feasible alternative at this time.

The group exemption number assigned to Habitat by the IRS is 8545. This number may be provided to prospective donors, foundations, and other grant organizations as they request it, and is required on any Form 990 you may file.

In partnership,



Robert T. Mayo

RTM/mr

Enclosure

Date: FEB 13 1987

Habitat For Humanity, Inc.
419 West Church St
Americus, Georgia 31709

Dear Sirs:

We have considered your application for group exemption letter recognizing your subordinates as exempt from Federal income tax as organizations of the type described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Our records show that you were recognized as exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code. The exemption letter remains in effect.

Based on the information supplied, we recognize your named subordinates on the list you submitted, as exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Additionally, we have classified the organizations you operate, supervise, or control, and which are covered by your notification to us, as organizations that are not private foundations because they are organizations of the type described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) & 509(a)(1) of the Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to you and your subordinates as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of section 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

You and your exempt subordinates whose gross receipts are normally more than \$25,000 are each required to file Form 990, Return of Organizations Exempt from Income tax, by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of the annual accounting period. If you prefer, you may file a group return for those subordinates that authorize you in writing to include them in that return. This would be in addition to your separate return. The law imposes a penalty of \$10 a day, up to a maximum of \$5,000, when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay.

You and your exempt subordinates are not required to file Federal income tax returns unless subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. Each organization subject to this tax must file Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not

to maintain the group exemption letter, you must submit the information 30 days before the close of your annual accounting period, to the Internal Revenue Service Center indicated for your location the following:

1. A statement describing any changes during the year in the purposes, character, or method of operation of your subordinates.
2. A list showing the names, mailing addresses (including postal zip codes), actual address if different, and employer identification numbers of subordinates that during the year:
 - a. changed names or addresses;
 - b. were deleted from your roster;
 - c. were added to your roster.
3. For subordinates to be added attach:
 - a. A statement that the information on which your present group exemption letter is based applies to the new subordinates;
 - b. a statement that each has given you written authorization to add its name to the roster;
 - c. a list of those to which the Service previously issued exemption rulings or determination letters;
 - d. a statement that none of the subordinates are private foundations as defined in section 509(a) of the Code;
 - e. the street address of subordinates where the mailing address is a P. O. Box; and
 - f. for each subordinate that is a school claiming exemption under section 501(c)(3), the information required by Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587. Also include any other information necessary to establish that the school is complying with the requirements of Revenue Ruling 71-447, 1971-2 C.B. 290. This is the same information required by Schedule A, Form 1029, Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
4. If applicable, a statement that your group exemption roster did not change during the year.

The above information should be sent, "Attention: Entity Control Unit, the following address:

Internal Revenue Service Center
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