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Architecture for Humanity Atlanta Hosts the Summer Birdhouse Social at Studioplex on August 22

Benefit event includes a silent auction of designer birdhouses celebrating activist design

ATLANTA (August 7, 2009) – On Saturday, August 22, Architecture for Humanity Atlanta (AFHA) will host its first birdhouse design auction featuring custom designed and constructed birdhouses at Studioplex in Atlanta's historic Old Fourth Ward (www.studioplexlofts.com). The Summer Birdhouse Social will showcase a collection of custom designed birdhouses created by local and national architects, artists and designers. In close cooperation with local bird specialists, each birdhouse has been carefully constructed to attract one of four indigenous birds common to the Atlanta area: the Eastern Blue Bird, the Eastern Screech Owl, the Purple Martin and Prothonothary Warbler.

The event will be held in the outdoor atrium at Studioplex from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Studioplex is located at 659 Auburn Avenue. The silent auction will close promptly at 8:30pm. Guests are encouraged to arrive early in order to view all the birdhouses, and designated bidders will be available to help absentee bidders place bids on their favorites. Details on the auction will be available upon arrival. This event is free (as well as parking), open to the public, and wheelchair accessible.

"We are delighted to welcome this first Summer Birdhouse Social to Studioplex, and hope that it will become an annual event," notes Dillon Baynes, owner of the 130 unit live/work loft development that also features retail space in the heart of Atlanta.

All proceeds of this auction will benefit projects being designed and developed by AFHA, such as the AFHA Oasis Project a proposed solution to the recognized shortage of proper public transportation amenities. AFHA is working on an effort to gather local artists, designers, builders and volunteers to provide benches and shelters where they are needed most. For more information, check www.afhatlanta.org. AFHA Ambassadors will be on hand to educate guests about ways to become involved with current and future AFHA projects.

Light fare for the Summer Birdhouse Social is provided by Serpas Restaurant, also at Studioplex, and there will be refreshing beverages and live music. Grafite, a local interior design firm, will coordinate the presentation and set up of the silent auction of the unique birdhouses.

For additional information about this event, please contact Marie Hansen, Director of Special Events at special.events.director@afhatlanta.org. More information on Architecture for Humanity Atlanta's design projects should be directed to Rick Glassman at rick@afhatlanta.org.

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About Architecture for Humanity Atlanta:

Architecture for Humanity Atlanta (AFHA) is the recently launched Atlanta based chapter of Architecture for Humanity. AFHA is an all-volunteer group of design professionals promoting the development of activist design programs created through regularly scheduled design forums at various locations in the Atlanta area. The Atlanta chapter strives to identify, develop and promote projects city-wide that help create a more dignified standard of life for all residents through design advocacy, community action and public education. For more information, please visit www.afhatlanta.org

About Architecture for Humanity:

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