

Habitat for Humanity of Utah County will be educating the public about radon gas

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LOCAL HABITAT TO EDUCATE PUBLIC ABOUT RADON AS PART OF NATIONAL ACTION MONTH

Habitat for Humanity of Utah County will be educating the public about radon gas and promoting the importance of radon testing in January as part of the National Radon Action Month at the Habitat ReStore at 340 South Orem Blvd., Orem. Radon test kits will also be available for only \$6.00.

Radon is an invisible and odorless gas that causes as many as 21,000 deaths each year and is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. One in 15 homes across the United States has elevated levels of the deadly carcinogen that can only be detected through testing. Homeowners and renters are encouraged to learn how to protect their families from this cancer causing gas and take action by testing their homes.

This past year, Habitat for Humanity of Utah County received a grant from the Utah Cancer Action Network to provide radon education and testing and help to offset the costs of putting radon mitigation systems in area Habitat homes. The local Habitat affiliate has committed to put a radon mitigation system in all future Habitat homes built or renovated in the valley.

Habitat for Humanity of Utah County is a non-profit, ecumenical organization and is one of more than 2,300 affiliates of Habitat for Humanity International. The local affiliate is committed to eliminating poverty housing and homelessness in the county by building or renovating simple, decent homes with area residents in need of affordable shelter. Affiliated in 1991 by a group of local community members that were concerned about substandard housing in the county, the organization has built or renovated 41 homes providing 68 adults and 139 children safe and affordable housing and a stable

home environment. The affiliate is currently building in Provo, Orem, and Springville. For more information, please call (801) 344-8527 or look online at www.habitatuc.org.