



Calling all New Zealand photographers: Habitat for Humanity's flagship publication opens photo contest with chance to win a volunteer trip to Nepal

Habitat for Humanity's quarterly magazine *Habitat World* is sponsoring a photo contest Feb. 1-April 11. The magazine seeks photos that demonstrate the deep need for housing solutions and illustrate Habitat's life-changing work around the world.

The contest winner will be awarded a spot on a Habitat Global Village trip to Pokhara, Nepal. Official contest rules and submissions guidelines are available at www.habitat.org/hw/photo_contest/2010.

"We're asking individuals around the world to pick up a camera and help open a window on the work that Habitat is doing," said Shala Carlson, *Habitat World's* managing editor. "Every photo tells a story, and *Habitat World* wants to share yours."

A team of *Habitat World* judges will select a contest winner and four finalists. Criteria include a photo's ability to capture Habitat's mission and impact, as well as its technical composition and quality.

The winning photographer will be awarded a spot on a Global Village volunteer building trip to Pokhara, Nepal, which will take place Sept. 30-Oct. 10, 2010. *Habitat World* will pay the winner's air transportation and Global Village fees, which include modest daily accommodations and meals.

In addition, the photos of the contest winner and top four finalists will be featured in the September 2010 issue of *Habitat World*, which enjoys a readership of more than 1 million, and on www.habitat.org, which averages more than 450,000 unique visitors a month. These five top images also will be installed on a photo wall for one year in Habitat's headquarters.

The contest winner and top four finalists will be announced to the public by midnight, June 4, online at www.habitat.org/hw/photo_contest/2010. The contest winner must already possess a current passport and will be responsible for obtaining requisite immunizations and a travel visa if necessary. The winner will be expected to work a full day at the build site during each of the five work days. Contest entrants must be at least 18 years of age (or the age of majority in his or her jurisdiction of primary residence) as of the date of entering the contest.

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built more than 350,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1.75 million people. For more information, visit www.habitat.org/ap.

Habitat New Zealand has been building safe, affordable, decent homes in New Zealand since 1992. Over 350 homes have been built. Visit our website www.habitat.org.nz

New Zealand is sending 150 volunteers to the Everest Build in Nepal. Information can be found on our website www.habitat.org.nz and find your way to our Global Village programme.

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