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Dear Members of Temple Beth Emeth and St. Clare's,

Temple Beth Emeth and St. Clare's congregations are truly excited to join forces with other Jewish, Islamic and Christian organizations in the Ann Arbor area to construct the House of Abraham, a brand new residence that will provide shelter for a Washtenaw County family in need. This project is organized by Habitat for Humanity's Huron Valley Chapter, and is part of Habitat's world wide effort to fight homelessness by providing affordable housing to low income families. By actively participating and taking a lead role in this project, we are demonstrating once again the spirit of interfaith cooperation that embodies and sustains Genesis.

The House of Abraham will be located in Ypsilanti Township, and the construction is set to begin in September of this year and last for a period of about three months. To make this project successful, we need contributions of several kinds from each and every family in the Temple and the Church.

- First, we need your support, enthusiasm and prayers for success. We will join hands with several other faith groups to make the House of Abraham an instrument of God's blessing in our community, and the life of a family in need.
- Second, we need your financial commitment to the project. We have set a goal to raise \$20,000 between our two congregations.
- Third, we need you to identify the skills that you can best contribute to the project. Our volunteer coordinators will use this information to organize work crews at the proper time. If you are a construction contractor, please consider providing a gift-in-kind of labor and/or material. Your donation will be acknowledged appropriately.

Please complete the enclosed volunteer application/donation form by July 15th. When completed, please return it, along with your check, in the enclosed envelope. Please make checks payable to either St. Clare of Assisi Episcopal Church or Temple Beth Emeth, and reference the House of Abraham on the front of the check.

On behalf of the House of Abraham Steering Committee, please accept our sincere gratitude for your support, participation, and contribution on this very worthy project.

Sincerely,



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