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Subject: Operation Nehemiah to Assist The Cancer Support Center with Homewood Renovations

Starting February 3, 2018, volunteers from Operation Nehemiah will begin renovation projects at The Cancer Support Center's Homewood location at 2028 Elm Road.

"Through this relationship with Operation Nehemiah, we will be able to expand the facility in Homewood to better meet the needs of our participants. We are thrilled to welcome a partnership with them, and it's great to see two non-profits working towards a similar goal," said Sue Armato, Executive Director of The Cancer Support Center.

Operation Nehemiah is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which partners with other area "in need" non-profits and churches on building and rebuilding projects that will help transform the lives of the people they serve.

Since 2010, Operation Nehemiah has completed projects at Restoration Ministries in Harvey, Victory Reins in Peotone, All God's People in Orland Park, The Bridge Teen Center in Orland Park, Hands of Hope in Joliet, the Lockport Township Food Pantry and Habitat for Humanity in Will County, among others. The materials and supplies are donated by area businesses, contractors and private individuals, often utilizing both Operation Nehemiah's and the partner's networks. Labor is done by Operation Nehemiah volunteers, most of whom are experienced tradespeople. However, youth under 18 are welcome to volunteer (when accompanied by a parent/guardian), as well as weekend DIYers who want to give back to their community while learning new skills.

“As we begin this multi-week project in Homewood, we are looking to add to our volunteer pool,” said Operation Nehemiah Executive Director Rob Lach. “We’ve been so blessed to have a very faithful core group, but as we expand our projects and the scope of our projects, we need additional people to work with us.”

The Cancer Support Center project will involve interior demolition, carpentry, drywall, painting, flooring, electrical, plumbing and HVAC improvements. Work will be done on Saturdays, beginning on February 3, from 7:00AM to noon. The project is expected to run six to eight weeks. Volunteers can choose to serve once or on a more regular basis as their schedule allows.

“Because of the work and effort from Operation Nehemiah, our Homewood space will be completely transformed to ensure our participants’ needs are met, and we can continue to provide programs and services to them at no charge,” Armato said.

Since 1992, The Cancer Support Center has been offering strength, guidance and support to anyone living with a cancer diagnosis, as well as their loved ones. Today those services include comprehensive supportive and wellness programs reaching thousands of people through two locations (Mokena and Homewood).

To register as an Operation Nehemiah volunteer for The Cancer Support Center or other future projects, please visit operationnehemiahil.org and complete the online volunteer form on the Contact Us page. The mandatory release form PDF is also on that page, and a signed copy must be turned in at the project site before beginning to serve.

For more information, contact Rob Lach at 708.612.9139 or visit operationnehemiahil.org.

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PHOTO CAPTION

Operation Nehemiah volunteers work on the subfloor of a Habitat for Humanity Will County house in Crest Hill, August 2017.

