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Northrop Grumman Newport News and United Steelworkers of America Break Ground on Habitat for Humanity House

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., July 1, 2002 -- Northrop Grumman Newport News and the United Steelworkers of America (Local 8888) held a groundbreaking ceremony today to kick-off construction of a Habitat for Humanity house. Habitat for Humanity builds simple and affordable houses in partnership with those in need of adequate shelter.

The shipyard and the union are joining together to build the house, which is being called the "Labor Management House." It will be constructed by volunteer shipbuilders from Northrop Grumman Newport News and will be completed in the fall.

"This groundbreaking ceremony symbolizes a new beginning," says Northrop Grumman Newport News Vice President for Human Resources Administration and Trades Mike Petters. "We're celebrating the start of a new project and a new partnership between Northrop Grumman and the United Steelworkers. Together we will help build a home and we will help build our community."

Northrop Grumman Newport News is providing financial support for the project, and the union is coordinating the resources. The building lot, located on Poplar Avenue in Newport News, was donated by the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

"We build the best ships in the world, and now we build the best houses in the world," says United Steelworkers of America Local 8888 President Arnold Outlaw.

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Representatives from Northrop Grumman Newport News, the Steelworkers Union, Peninsula Habitat for Humanity, the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority, and the future homeowner Linda Lewis participated in the groundbreaking ceremony.

"Today is about helping the community," says United Steelworkers Representative William Harriday. "Together we will help build the great American Dream for Linda Lewis."

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