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Northeast Texas Habitat for Humanity Publishes Inspirational Book

(Longview, Texas) "The Hope Letters," a collection of inspirational writings from contributors in our communities and abroad, is available now.

Published by Northeast Texas Habitat for Humanity, the collection is the regional housing ministry's first book. With a cover created and gifted for the project by Longview watercolor artist Carol Manley, it includes life stories, poetry, lyrics, and spiritual devotions.

"Habitat has always been in the business of building hope," said LaJuan Gordon, CEO of Northeast Texas Habitat. "But the turmoil our nation experienced in the past year made it easy to believe that hope had taken a holiday. When we came together last fall to plan 2021, nothing looked the same. Normal business processes, how we conduct business, delivered services, socialize, and even worship had changed. Then we realized that one essential aspect prevailed – hope. And it shone brightly despite the turmoil."

With that in mind, she said, the regional organization determined its first goal in 2021 would be to share the hope that shapes its work. It set about soliciting more than two dozen writings to do just that.

" 'The Hope Letters' is a tangible reminder that hope prevails in the toughest of times and lives in each of us," Gordon said.

The volume is available for purchase from Northeast Texas Habitat by calling 903-236-0900 extension 210. Books are \$9.50 each, with all profits benefiting the ministry that works to provide safe housing in Gregg, Harrison, and Upshur counties. Quantity discounts are available.

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Northeast Texas Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit housing ministry dedicated to eradicating the devastating effects of poverty housing. The organization was founded in 1985 in Longview and expanded in June 2018 to serve all of Gregg, Harrison, and Upshur counties. Habitat assists in homeownership, home repair, and home maintenance and operates a ReStore, which sells new and gently used items for the home. To learn more, to volunteer or donate, visit www.netxhabitat.org or call 903-236-0900 ext 204.

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