



We build strength, stability,
self-reliance and shelter.

Dear California Knights of Columbus, Superior Northern California Chapter and Councils

I am writing to invite you to join me and an Interfaith Partner Coalition with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Sacramento for a special Build for Unity project – a massive interfaith effort to build two homes alongside families in need of affordable stable shelter and demonstrate unity with the local faith community. During the pilot Build for Unity in 2016 and 2017, more than 180 churches, temples, mosques, and synagogues came together to raise \$176,000 and build two homes side by side. The Build for Unity movement has since spread to 30 Habitat affiliates nationwide, resulting in dozens of homes built for families in need of housing and thousands of interfaith relationships.

We are now launching Build for Unity 2018 – 2019 with the goal of building two homes again, with the support of faith communities all across Sacramento. I would like to invite all the Knights of Columbus councils from the Superior Northern California Chapter to be a part of joining arms with others in the faith community to demonstrate unity through giving a hand up to local low-income families.

Build for Unity supporters are invited to join in for a volunteer build day on the project site of the two homes and will be featured in a Sacramento News & Review publication which highlights the project and the multitude of generous communities who make it possible. The publication will be inserted into the local paper in the summer. We are seeking formal pledges for support by May 1st for your faith community to be listed in the publication.

For more information on the project and a video highlighting the historic first Build for Unity, please visit www.HabitatGreaterSac.org/BuildforUnity. With questions, please contact Kaitlyn Bathke at KBathke@HabitatGreaterSac.org or (916) 440-1215 x1112.

I would also like to invite you to join us as we gather for an interfaith Think Tank event at Congregation B'nai Israel on February 27th at 6:30 pm. The evening will include traditional Jewish pastries and refreshments, words from Rabbi Mona Alfi on the Jewish holiday of Purim and its call to social action, and a talk on housing equity by author Sasha Abramsky.

It our greatest hope that the Build for Unity project will serve as a convener for healing, celebration, and unity in our Sacramento community. **Regardless of the division that so often dominates our world's narrative, we believe that for a community to be whole and healthy it must be based on people's love and concern for one another. We are committed to building bridges and breaking down barriers together as we Build for Unity.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Ochoa".

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