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## **HARTFORD HAS LONG STANDING PARTNERSHIP WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND HOUSING EFFORTS IN UGANDA**

### **NEWS RELEASE**

(August 15, 2011)--- Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra welcomed Ronald Kiconco Ongopa from Uganda and Stephanie Sluke Brauer from Habitat for Humanity's International Office Africa and the Middle East to the City of Hope and Opportunity. They, along with Mike Brett, Executive Director of Hartford Habitat, long-term volunteer and former board member Don Shaw, and staff member Ana Valentin-Jackson, discussed the long-standing partnership and the need for quality housing.

Habitat for Humanity provides a way for volunteers and supporters in Hartford to have a global impact while helping those in the Hartford area move into new homes. Habitat affiliates in the United States, partner with smaller affiliates through Habitat for Humanity's Tithing program by donating 10-percent of the affiliate's unrestricted funding to help build more houses overseas. Hartford Habitat has provided over \$75,000 in support since 2006, which has helped an estimated 25 families move from makeshift mud and wattle homes into safe, durable and healthy Habitat homes.

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**L to R:** Ana Valentin-Jackson, (Hartford Habitat Development Officer - Communications), Stephanie Sluka Brauer (Resource Development Manager, Africa and the Middle East, Habitat for Humanity International), Michael Brett (Hartford Habitat's Executive Director), Ronald Kiconco Ongopa (Director of Communications, Habitat for Humanity Uganda), Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra and Donald Shaw, Jr. (Hartford Habitat volunteer and former board member).

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Ronald Kiconco Ongopa with Mayor Segarra