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## **Solar Store Donates Used Water Heaters to HabiStore**

*Replacements for new solar hot water heaters benefit community*

**Tucson, Ariz. – August 26, 2009** – The Solar Store at 2833 N. Country Club, in Tucson has been donating used water heaters to the HabiStore when it replaces an old water heater with a new solar-heated one. Since the inception of the program in 2006, the HabiStore has sold about 60 water heaters donated from The Solar Store customers that are used but in good condition.

“We happy to support Habitat by donating these used water heaters to such a good cause locally and our customers also benefit from the government rebate program when they have us install a new solar hot water heater,” said Katharine Kent, CEO and president of The Solar Store. “It’s just a small service that we do for our customers and benefits the entire community by providing the used appliances and replacing them with environmentally friendly, solar-heated water heaters. In addition, it extends the life of the used water heaters.”

“By selling surplus new and used building and home improvement materials, appliances and furniture to the public the HabiStore is diverting more than 150 tons of material from the landfill each year,” said Terry Dee, executive director of Habitat For Humanity’s HabiStore. “In addition, people from all walks of life – from builders of million dollar homes to Department of Economic Security clients are welcome to shop at the store and get fine equipment for their homes at a discount price. It’s a wonderful service for the community.”

### **About Habitat For Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity Tucson works to end poverty housing by creating opportunities for homeownership in partnership with low-income families; and by making decent shelter a matter of community conscience and action. Habitat Tucson offers a hand up, not a hand out. [www.habitattucson.org](http://www.habitattucson.org).

### **About The HabiStore**

The HabiStore, located at 3840 S Palo Verde, offers a variety of materials for home improvement including: lumber, appliances, tools, cabinets, light fixtures, doors, windows, hardware, furniture and general construction materials. Its phone number is 520-889-7200.

Usable materials, donated by retail businesses, contractors, individuals, and other organizations, are sold at below-cost prices. Proceeds from the HabiStore fund the Habitat Tucson mission of eliminating poverty housing within our community.

### **About The Solar Store**

The Solar Store, located at 2833 N. Country Club, continues to offer a growing array of services, in part fueled by the new Federal tax cuts on solar energy. For more information about The Solar Store, please call 520-322-5180 or visit the website at <http://www.solarstore.com>.