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FORMER BAYLOR BASKETBALL STAR ISAIAH AUSTIN LAUNCHES NEW INITIATIVE TO BUILD DREAM AGAIN HOME

DALLAS, TX (February 28, 2016) – The **Isaiah Austin Foundation** announced today a partnership with Habitat for Humanity to build the first *Dream Again Home* in Waco, TX. The Dream Again Home will be allocated for a family who has had a medical and financial hardship and is in need of affordable housing.

“Habitat for Humanity does so much more than just provide a place for people to call home. It provides them with the opportunity to Dream Again,” said Isaiah Austin. “I am really excited about the opportunity to build the Dream Again Home through a partnership between my Foundation and Habitat for Humanity.”

Habitat for Humanity, is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1976. Their mission is to build simple, decent, and affordable homes while addressing the issues of poverty housing throughout the world. Habitat for Humanity has helped more than 4 million people construct, rehabilitate or preserve more than 800,000 homes since its founding which makes it the largest non-profit builder in the world. Waco Habitat for Humanity has helped over 550 local families, building 165 new homes and repairing almost 400 owner-occupied residences.

“As we build houses we are also helping build our community,” Waco Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Brenda Shuttlesworth said. “The fact that Isaiah wanted to build this first Dream Again Home in Waco shows his tremendous heart and love for our community.”

In addition to providing funding for the construction, the Isaiah Austin Foundation will help coordinate volunteers to build the home. The Foundation plans to host several fundraising events to help raise funds and awareness for the new Dream Again Home.

Established in 2014, the Isaiah Austin Foundation’s mission is to provide support for charitable causes that inspire individuals to DREAM AGAIN. For more information on how to support the Isaiah Austin Foundation please visit www.IsaiahAustinFoundation.org.

About Isaiah Austin

Isaiah Austin completed his very successful college basketball career for the Baylor Bears in 2014. He had been considered a first-round prospect until he was diagnosed with Marfan syndrome just days prior to the NBA Draft. Isaiah’s display of courage and grace during his diagnosis of Marfan syndrome inspired legions of fans including NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, who decided that Isaiah would in fact have his dream of being drafted by the NBA fulfilled. After being selected by the National Basketball Association (between the 15th and 16th picks), fans around the world were officially introduced to Isaiah Austin, a special young man who understands that his calling now is now to help and inspire others.