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Habitat for Humanity's Groundbreaking is Good News for Affordable Housing in Fort Collins!

Habitat for Humanity® International and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans® join together to increase affordable housing in Fort Collins. Community is invited to groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate.

Fort Collins, Colo. (April 20, 2009) – Times are tough and the construction of new homes has slowed considerably across the country. But here in Fort Collins the Thompson family will mark an important milestone in the construction of their new home—and the community is invited to join in on the fun! The celebration begins at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 26 at the construction site at 2833 William Neal Parkway, Fort Collins, CO 80525.

This new home is a result of an alliance between Habitat for Humanity International and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Called Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, this alliance has resulted in thousands of decent, affordable homes across the country since 2005. Thanks to its 2.6 million members who own financial products with the organization, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is able to contribute to the improvement of communities like Fort Collins. The Thrivent Builds alliance also engages volunteers—members of Thrivent Financial, members of area Lutheran churches and members of the community at large—to work alongside the partner families to build these homes.

The Thompson family is more than a little eager to finish construction of their new home. They will complete 300 hours of “sweat equity” helping to build it, a basic tenet of Habitat for Humanity. They will also repay the no-profit mortgage over a period of 30 years, illustrating Habitat for Humanity's objective to give families a “hand up” rather than a “hand out.”

To learn more, visit www.thriventbuilds.com.

About Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian organization that empowers low-income families by partnering with them to build affordable housing. Habitat does not give the houses away, but rather sells them to families in need through no-profit loans. Qualified families also contribute hundreds of sweat equity hours in the building of their home alongside hundreds of community volunteers who give of their time and talents. Since its inception in 1993, Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity has constructed 42 homes in the Fort Collins community. Visit us at www.fortcollinshabitat.org to learn more.

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About Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built more than 300,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1.5 million people. For more information, visit www.habitat.org.

About Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a not-for-profit membership organization helping approximately 2.6 million members achieve their financial goals and give back to their communities. As a not-for-profit fraternal benefit society, Thrivent Financial sponsors national outreach programs and activities that support congregations, schools, charitable organizations and individuals in need. Thrivent Financial has main offices in Minneapolis, Minn., and Appleton, Wis. For more information, visit www.thrivent.com.

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