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### **Presbyterian Churches Team Up for Newest Habitat Home Fat Tuesday Fundraiser Scheduled to Help Raise Additional Funds Needed**

**Fort Collins, CO (February 6, 2009)** - Volunteers from 10 Presbyterian churches in the greater Fort Collins area are cooperating to fundraise and build the newest local Habitat for Humanity home. **Groundbreaking for the home in the Rigden Farm subdivision is scheduled for Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 p.m.**

The project, dubbed "PresBuild," will produce a three-bedroom, 1,300-sq.-ft. home for Teresa Greene of Fort Collins and the two grandchildren whom she has adopted, Garrett, 13 and Tabri, 8.

The Greene family lives in a rented two-bedroom town home. "I want the children to grow up in a stable, permanent home in a safe neighborhood. And it will be wonderful when each of them can have a bedroom of their own," Greene said. "Habitat is the only way that I could afford a house – and the house payment."

"It is overwhelming to know that hundreds of people are coming together to help us have a home of our own," Greene said. "To say 'thank you' is so – it's so much deeper. I don't have words to describe how grateful I am. I am blessed."

Presbyterian churches in the Fort Collins area have pledged to raise \$100,000 to build the Greene home, plus a tithe of \$10,000 for Habitat for Humanity International which builds homes worldwide.

**In an effort to raise the additional funds needed, a Fat Tuesday fundraiser event is scheduled on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 9pm at C.B. & Potts Restaurant and Brewery. The restaurant will donate 10% of the receipts taken during the event to help purchase the "bricks and sticks" for the Greene family Habitat home.**

Participating churches include Buckhorn Presbyterian, Christ Fellowship, Cornerstone Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, Grace Church Presbyterian, Harmony Presbyterian, LaPorte Presbyterian, The Gathering at Windsor, Timnath Presbyterian, and Westminster Presbyterian.

Habitat does not give away homes. Greene will pay a mortgage and complete 300 hours of "sweat equity." Some of these hours will be spent in helping to build her own house. She also works at the Habitat Home Supply Store, helps provide food for Habitat volunteers, attends classes in financial literacy, and meets regularly with a family advocate.

### **About Fort Collins Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit 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.

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