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**TRINITY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DEDICATES 5th PARKER COUNTY HOME  
Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.**

**WEATHERFORD** - Trinity Habitat for Humanity dedicates the 5th home in Parker County on Saturday, January 9, as a part of the annual Building on Faith campaign. The dedication of May Ilene Williams' new home takes place at 1500 Elm Street in Weatherford at 10:00 a.m.

Partner family May Ilene Williams will now have a home for her and her elderly mother, "I rent a two bedroom apartment with my elderly mother Mary. My mother has asthma and uses oxygen tanks so it's very overcrowded. Getting around is difficult for her because the stairs are very steep. Owning my own home will give me peace of mind, I won't have to worry about the rent anymore. Mom will be able to go outside without the fear of falling on steep stairs. Habitat is giving me so many things, I will have a home I can grow old in and retire in. I know mother's time is getting short, I want to give her some joy and peace in a new home" said Williams, Trinity Habitat homeowner.

Williams' home is one of 11 homes built as part of Trinity Habitat's annual "Building on Faith" campaign and the fifth Habitat home to be built in Parker County since 2007. Since the build began in October, Williams and more than 270 Parker County volunteers, contributed over 1,800 hours to complete her home.

The Parker County build team leader and Trinity Habitat board member, Linda Tingle said of the home build, "Parker County sponsors and volunteers have once again made a life long impact for a family to have a home of their own. Parker County has loving and giving people who are always eager to volunteer and make a difference. We are always looking for individuals, churches and companies that will help us put the bricks and wood together for these hard working families. I am joyful to see May Ilene in a safe, warm place in our great community."

Members of the Parker County community will participate in the dedication including Build Team Leader Linda Tingle and Weatherford Mayor Pro Tem James Hamilton. As part of the dedication, Williams will be presented with her house key and a Bible. Habitat volunteers, sponsors and staff members will also be in attendance.

The following groups helped fund Williams' home: Northside Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Weatherford, Grace First Presbyterian Church of Weatherford, Plains Capital Bank, Jerry's Auto Mall, Chief Commercial Construction, Lightfoot Mechanical, First Baptist Church of Aledo, Hanson Brick, Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth, Jerry's GM, Ltd, Greenwood Baptist Church, New River Fellowship Church, Cousts United Methodist Church, Grogan Family Foundation and Central Christian Church.

"Building on Faith is a celebration of how every life touched by Habitat home building – the home buyer's, the volunteers and the donor's – is changed in the course of our work, even in as little time as it takes to build a single home. We've seen scores of lives changed, rebuilt on the rock of faith in action. It's a powerful experience. Now we encourage families wishing for a home they can call their own to do the same—step out on faith--and apply to us now for 2010," Trinity Habitat Executive Director Gage Yager said.

Trinity Habitat for Humanity home building resumes in February with the celebration of Building on the Dream, a tribute to legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. Families wanting to be a part of its work can begin the application process by attending an orientation session. Orientation schedule for Parker County is as follows: Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The orientations begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. at the Weatherford Public Library in Meeting Room A, 1014 Charles Street, Weatherford, TX 76086. Call (817)926-9219, ext. 116, for more information and to make a reservation.

Trinity Habitat for Humanity builds quality, affordable homes with volunteer labor and donations of money and materials. Sponsors and donors underwrite construction costs of Habitat for Humanity homes.

Partner families, as Habitat for Humanity homebuyers are known, invest 300 hours of sweat equity in the construction of their homes or others' houses, working side by side with volunteers. Partner families then buy their homes, making affordable monthly payments on a no-interest mortgage held by Habitat. Their house payments revolve back into Habitat for Humanity's work, making homeownership possible for more families. Because Habitat for Humanity is a pay-it-forward housing program, a dollar invested in its work is a buck that never stops--it just keeps building.

Trinity Habitat for Humanity has built 385 homes in Tarrant, Johnson, Parker and Wise counties since 1989.