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TRINITY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DEDICATES 11 HOMES AS PART OF BUILDING ON FAITH CAMPAIGN

FORT WORTH - Trinity Habitat for Humanity dedicates 11 new homes today as a part of the annual Building on Faith campaign that began in September. The Building on Faith dedication joins all partner families, volunteers and funding sponsors to celebrate building homes and hope in partnership with people of many faiths and perspectives. All 11 Habitat for Humanity homeowners will be in attendance for the presentation of a symbolic key to their new homes and a Bible by the house sponsors. The dedication starts at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 05, 2009 at the Stockyards Station's Back Forty.

The homes were built in four different cities across the local area. One home was built in the city of Cleburne in Johnson County, one in Weatherford in Parker County, one in Mansfield and the remaining eight homes were built in Fort Worth. More than 3,000 volunteers including corporations, civic organizations and churches logged over 21,000 hours to complete the homes.

The major house sponsors include: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and area Lutheran churches, American Airlines Employees, Keller Williams - Southlake, Arborlawn United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth, First United Methodist Church of Keller, St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Community, Good Shepherd Catholic Community, TD Ameritrade, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth, First Baptist Church of Weatherford, Northside Baptist Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, Kiewit, HealthMarkets, Wells Fargo, area Catholic Churches in the Fort Worth Diocese, Metropolitan Board of Missions and area Methodist Churches

Trinity Habitat home building resumes in February with the celebration of Building on the Dream, a tribute to the 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.

For Tarrant County families, orientations are held at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. the first Saturday of each month at the Trinity Habitat for Humanity offices, 3345 S. Jones St. in Fort Worth. There is a special orientation scheduled for Saturday, December 12th at 10 a.m. The orientation will be held at Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 2020 NW 21st Street in Fort Worth. Call (817)926-9219 to reserve a seat. Orientation schedules for families in Johnson, Parker and Wise counties vary.

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 250 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 and celebrates its 20th year of building in North Texas in 2009.

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