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**TRINITY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DEDICATES 4th PARKER COUNTY HOME
Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.**

WEATHERFORD - Trinity Habitat for Humanity dedicates the 4th home in Parker County on Saturday, January 17, as a part of the annual Building on Faith campaign. The dedication of Dallas Johnson's new home takes place at 1401 N. Rusk Street in Weatherford at 10 a.m.

Partner family, Dallas, and her two daughters, Lacy (16) and Sabrina (11), will now have a home of their own. "I have always wanted the girls to have their own rooms. Owning our own home will be a blessing. This is something that will be ours – a place in which we can make many family memories. My hopes and dreams are that my girls have learned to appreciate what they have, what it means to work hard and to get involved in helping others," said Dallas Johnson, Trinity Habitat homeowner.

Dallas' home is one of 17 homes built as part of Trinity Habitat's annual "Building on Faith" campaign and the fourth Habitat home to be built in Parker County since 2007. Since the build began in November, Dallas and more than 270 Parker County volunteers, including several youth groups, 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 Dallas and the girls 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, Mayor Dennis Hooks and Judy Flanagin of State Representative Phil King's office.

As part of the dedication, Dallas will be presented with her house key by Becky Bond of Devon Energy Corp. and Couets Methodist Church and a Bible by Bill Dean of Greenwood Baptist Church. Habitat volunteers, sponsors and staff members will also be in attendance.

The following groups helped fund Dallas' home: Grace First Presbyterian Church, Devon Energy Corporation, Willhite Seed, Inc., North Side Baptist Church and Jerry's/Durant Toyota. Several other companies and members of the community donated as well.

"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. In nearly 20 years of building here, 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 2009," 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 schedules for families in Johnson, Parker and Wise counties vary. Call (817)926-9219, ext. 116, for information on orientations in these counties.

Like all Habitat for Humanity affiliates, 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 360 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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