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### **TRINITY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DEDICATES 17 HOMES AS PART OF BUILDING ON FAITH**

**FORT WORTH** - Trinity Habitat for Humanity dedicates 17 new homes as a part of the annual Building on Faith campaign. 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 17 Habitat for Humanity homeowners will be in attendance for the presentation of keys to their new homes by the house sponsors.

This year's build began in September. Methodists, Presbyterians, Catholics and other Christians of many denominations joined Jewish and Islamic volunteers as well as bankers and a professional home builder in funding and building across Tarrant and Parker counties this fall.

"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 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.

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. Call (817)926-9219 to reserve a seat. Orientation schedules for families in Johnson, Parker and Wise counties vary. Call (817)926-9219, ext. 111, 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 over 350 homes in Tarrant, Johnson, Parker and Wise counties since 1989 and celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> year of building in North Texas in 2009.

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