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## **TRINITY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DEDICATES 12 HOMES AS PART OF BUILDING ON THE DREAM CAMPAIGN**

**FORT WORTH** - Trinity Habitat for Humanity dedicates 12 new homes as a part of the annual Building on the Dream campaign, a tribute to legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King's work to bridge racial, social and economic gaps. The Building on the Dream 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 12 Habitat for Humanity homeowners will be in attendance for the presentation of a symbolic key to their new homes by the house sponsors.

This year's build began in February. The 12 Habitat homes were built as part of Trinity Habitat's annual "Building on the Dream" campaign. One home was built in the city of Newark in Wise County, and one each in the cities of Mansfield, Aledo and Azle. The houses in Aledo and Azle are the first Habitat houses to be built there. The other and the other 6 houses were built in Fort Worth. More than 3,000 volunteers including corporations, civic organizations, churches and Texas Christian University students logged over 21,000 hours to complete the homes.

The houses sponsors include: Texas Christian University, Altamesa Church of Christ, First Presbyterian Church Fort Worth, the community of Mansfield and Azle, Trademark, Higginbotham and Associates, Rio Grande Pacific, Alcon, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Bank of America, BNSF, Thomson Reuters, Huckabee, Bell Helicopter, National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals and the Aledo High School Class of 2010.

“Building on the Dream is a celebration of the fulfillment of dreams. Homeownership and the opportunity and ability to own a home, is a dream for each one of our Habitat families. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. often spoke of having a dream, ‘one that was deeply rooted in the American dream.’ He championed the belief that all people should have equal rights and equal access. Habitat for Humanity has embraced that philosophy with regard to affordable housing on terms they can afford. To that end, we celebrate with these families who are seeing this dream realized,” Trinity Habitat Executive Gage Yager said.

Trinity Habitat for Humanity home building resumes in September with the celebration of Building on Faith. 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.

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 370 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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