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TRINITY HABITAT IS BUILDING ON FAITH 18-home build prepares the way for homebuilder's 20th year

FORT WORTH—Eighteen families will build the framework of new lives in Building on Faith 2008, Trinity Habitat for Humanity's annual celebration of its foundation in faith and another personal best for the nonprofit builder that marks its 20th year in operation in 2009.

Eighteen Trinity Habitat for Humanity homes will be built in the course of Building on Faith, which begins Sept. 9 and continues as new homes rise from foundations through November.

"Building on Faith is a celebration of how every life touched by Habitat home building—the home buyer's, the volunteer's 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," Trinity Habitat Executive Director Gage Yager said.

The faithful will build as one cloud of witnesses during Building on Faith, and highlights include:

- Two Thrivent Builds Homes projects that return Habitat for Humanity's most generous world-wide supporter to North Texas. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, itself a not-for-profit organization, has sponsored more than 500 Habitat homes worldwide to date and commits millions each year to building in partnership with the Lutheran faithful in the U.S. and abroad.
- Trinity Habitat for Humanity's first all-Catholic built home. Parishes from across Tarrant County are uniting to build this year during Building on Faith, in which area Catholics join Presbyterians, Lutherans and members of the United Methodist churches in building as communities of faith.

An estimated one-half of funding for Trinity Habitat for Humanity's nearly 350 homes has been donated by faith community partners, and Building on Faith honors this marriage of church and home.

BUILDING ON FAITH 2008

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 nearly 350 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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