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Habitat Gives the Gift of Home to Family of Five

Thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans[®], Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County will dedicate their 53rd home this Saturday

GAITHERSBURG, MD (May 5, 2010) - On May 8, 2010 Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, Maryland (HFH-MC) and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will gather at the future home of Hidar, Selam, & their three sons to honor the hard work, generous financial contributions and community support that made the rehabilitation of this home possible.

“This dedication opens a new door—in more ways than one—for Hidar & Selam,” said Rachael Rice, Deputy Director of HFH-MC. “The volunteers, donors and other supporters who participated in the development of this home, recognize and celebrate the positive change this home will bring to the family and to our community.”

The new home is the tenth completed as part of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, a partnership between HFH-MC and the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) to purchase and rehabilitate vacant, foreclosed homes in Montgomery County. This particular home was a result of another partnership between Habitat for Humanity International and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. This partnership, called Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, has led to the completion of more than 2,000 decent, affordable homes across the country and around the world since 2005. Thanks to its 2.6 million members, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans was able to help HFH-MC alleviate the foreclosure crisis.

The Thrivent Builds home is the first of three Habitat homes to be dedicated on Saturday. Immediately following this ceremony, guests are encouraged to either carpool to the second home dedication or to attend the Thrivent Ice Cream Social at Lutheran Church of St. Andrew. Guests will have the opportunity to meet the Thrivent Board Members and learn more about Thrivent Builds from Habitat staff and Thrivent Chapter Representatives.

This event is free and open to the media. For more information or directions, please call 301-990-0014

Details of the event are as follows:

Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County
Neighborhood Revitalization Program Home Dedication Ceremony

Saturday May 8th, 2010

1:00 to 2:00pm

3503 Napier Street, Silver Spring, MD 20906

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Montgomery County Chapter
Thrivent Ice Cream Social

Saturday, May 8th, 2010

2:00pm-4:00pm

The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew

15300 New Hampshire Avenue

Silver Spring, MD 20905

About Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, MD, Inc.

HFH-MC is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. In November 2008, the affiliate launched the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) in partnership with the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA). Habitat is purchasing and rehabilitating 13 vacant foreclosed properties in designated areas of Montgomery County, MD. HFH-MC supports the notion that good, stable housing matters for neighborhoods. Better quality of living leads to stronger citizens and families. Habitat for Humanity is about changing lives, one home at a time. Visit our website at www.habitat-mc.org

About Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a not-for-profit membership organization helping approximately 2.6 million members achieve their financial goals and give back to their communities. As a not-for-profit fraternal benefit society, Thrivent Financial sponsors national outreach programs and activities that support congregations, schools, charitable organizations and individuals in need. Thrivent Financial has main offices in Minneapolis, Minn., and Appleton, Wis. For more information, visit www.thrivent.com

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