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Two Families and the Town of Silver Spring Get a New Lease on Life

Habitat for Humanity in partnership with Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans[®] are coming together to celebrate two home dedications in Silver Spring

Silver Spring, Maryland (September 22, 2009) – On September 25 and 26 Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County (HFH-MC) will commemorate the completion of the first two Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) homes with dedication ceremonies. HFH-MC representatives will be on hand to answer questions from the community about the NRP and will provide a home tour after each ceremony. County officials, volunteers, community members, and corporate sponsors are also expected to attend.

“A home dedication is an important milestone for Habitat home buyers- it’s an opportunity to celebrate the new home and all of the love and hard work that has gone into it. The event is an opportunity for the Habitat community to wish the new homeowner all the best in their new home” said Jessica Reid HFH-MC Director of Volunteer and Family Services.

HFH-MC has been blessed to have the support of community organizations, such as the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs who has provided \$3.5 million to purchase and rehabilitate 12 vacant foreclosed homes in the Silver Spring area. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans have also pledged more than \$60,000 to help offset the cost of renovations for two of the NRP homes.

“The Montgomery County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is thrilled to dedicate the first home in our amazing partnership with Habitat. God has truly blessed this effort. As representatives of the Lutheran Community in Montgomery County, we ask God's blessing on this house and the family that will call it home” said, Dan Wingard & Gabe Hare, Thrivent Builds Chapter Specialists for Montgomery County.

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

Friday, September 25, 2009

11:00am to 12:00pm

4006 Jeffry, Silver Spring, MD 20906

Saturday, September 26, 2009

4:00 to 5:00pm

13300 Dauphine St., Silver Spring, MD 20906

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 12 vacant foreclosed properties in designated areas of Montgomery County. 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.

About Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

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