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**Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley celebrates continued support for affordable housing efforts in 2011 with \$10.4 million in funding from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**

*Thrivent Financial for Lutherans announces \$10.4 commitment to build Habitat for Humanity homes in 33 states across the country*

Salem, Ore (Dec.8, 2010) – Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley has received \$64,350 in funding to help build one house in the Salem-area as part of Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity in 2011.

Nationally, Thrivent Financial announced a commitment of \$10.4 million to Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity and its homebuilding program, continuing its support of Habitat's mission for a sixth year. This funding will make the construction of 164 additional homes in 33 states possible.

In 2011, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, through its unique partnership with Habitat for Humanity International called Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, will surpass more than \$150 million in its total commitment over six years to create affordable housing. Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley will build one home in part of that effort.

"The Thrivent Builds partnership has helped the Mid-Willamette Valley Habitat increase the number of families served in our community," said Susan Marthaller, Director of Resource Development and Communications. "We are so grateful for Thrivent Financial's support of our efforts to provide decent, affordable homes in partnership with families in need."

While Thrivent Financial provides at least 55 percent of the funding for each Thrivent Builds home, local volunteers—many of them Thrivent Financial members and members of area Lutheran congregations—assist with construction and help raise additional funds.

Since its inception in 2005, Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity has helped more than 2,500 families in the U.S. and around the world achieve the dream of homeownership. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans continues to be one of the largest non-government supporters of Habitat for Humanity International.

**About Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley**

Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley has been serving the community since 1991, working in concert with volunteers, donors, and partner families to build decent, affordable homes in Salem, Keizer, Polk County and the greater Stayton area. To date, Habitat for Humanity of the Mid-Willamette Valley has built more than 75 homes, housing more than 300 individuals— including over 200 children.

Habitat for Humanity is a worldwide, grass-roots movement. There are more than 2,100 active affiliates in 100 countries, including all 50 states of the United States, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico.

**Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity** is a multi-year, multi-million dollar partnership between Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity International. Thrivent Builds is designed to involve Thrivent members and Lutherans in helping provide a “hand up” to people who lack decent shelter, offering them a path to greater economic independence. Excluding government funding, Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity is Habitat's largest single source of funding, constructing nearly 2,500 homes in the U.S. and around the world since 2005. For more information, visit [ThriventBuilds.com](http://ThriventBuilds.com).

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