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An Early Christmas for the Mancini Family

“Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity” complete their Faith Build Home

Exeter- On an unusually warm December day, South County Habitat for Humanity opened the doors of their newest built house, the *Faith Build Home*, to members of the Mancini Family, volunteers and supporters, and members of the local community. All in all, close to 100 people turned out for the festivities.

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity awarded \$109,000 to South County Habitat for Humanity to help to complete this build. “Thrivent’s mission is to help people be wise with money and live generously, and the Thrivent Builds program with Habitat for Humanity is just one of the many ways we support our community,” says Bryan Schmeling, Financial Representative with Thrivent Financial. “I’m always inspired by the generous outpouring of time from Thrivent members and others as they help families obtain decent, affordable housing. I pray for God’s richest blessings on the Mancini family as they move into their new home!”

Many people came together on this day to watch the dedication of the home to the Mancini family. “Through our valued partnership with Thrivent Financial, the generosity of several area churches, and the hard work of all of our dedicated volunteers, we were able to complete our most recent home in record time”, said Lou Raymond, Executive Director of South County Habitat for Humanity. “Helping a hard working family achieve the dream of homeownership, especially at Christmas time, is extremely rewarding for all of us affiliated with Habitat.”

Of all of those that attended, the most important members of the audience that day were the members of the Mancini family, Carla and her son Joseph who will be turning 5 in January. “We are so blessed”, said Carla Mancini. “We’ll get to spend our first Christmas in our very own home”

In addition to Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, 11 local churches made financial contributions to the construction of the home. Volunteers from 5 of those churches also spent time building on the site.

All South County Habitat for Humanity homes are dependent on donations, as well as volunteers donating time to help build the homes, to help keep these homes affordable. Since their start in 1990, South County Habitat for Humanity has built over 55 homes for community members, as well as providing better accessibility to buildings for both elderly and disabled citizens. All Habitat homes are environmentally friendly, energy efficient, handicap accessible and built to meet or exceed all required codes. Helping the hard working families of South County achieve the dream of homeownership is our primary objective.

Anyone interested in volunteering or learning more about SCHH can visit their website at www.southcountyhabitat.org.

About South County Habitat for Humanity

South County Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. For more information call 401-213-6711 or go to our website at www.southcountyhabitat.org.

About Thrivent Financial

Thrivent Financial is a financial services organization that helps Christians be wise with money and live generously. As a membership organization, it offers its nearly 2.4 million member-owners a broad range of products, services and guidance from financial representatives nationwide. For more than a century it has helped members make wise money choices that reflect their values while providing them opportunities to demonstrate their generosity where they live, work and worship. For more information, visit Thrivent.com/why. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.

About Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity is a multi-year, multi-million dollar mission partnership between Thrivent Financial and Habitat for Humanity International. Thrivent Builds is designed to involve Thrivent members and Christians in helping provide a “hand up” to people in need of affordable housing, 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 and repairing more than 3,500 homes in the U.S. and around the world since 2005. For more information, visit ThriventBuilds.com.

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