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South County Habitat for Humanity Breaks Ground on their 58th House

EXETER, R.I. – The South County chapter of Habitat for Humanity Rhode Island is teaming up with Thrivent Financial for the *Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity* program and on April 25, 2015, they held a groundbreaking and wall raising for one of two homes that are going to be built on Pinecrest Drive.

Thrivent Financial is a non-profit financial service company that volunteers services to charitable organizations, congregations, schools, and individuals in need. Thrivent also contributes funds to organizations and activities that aim to build strong families and communities.

The Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity program has been in place for 10 years. The organization will commit \$12 million this year to help build and repair homes for those in need across the globe.

Since the partnership between Habitat and Thrivent started, Thrivent has provided over \$213 million, more the 4 million volunteer hours, and helped build or repair over 4,000 homes across the United States and overseas.

Executive Director of South County Habitat for Humanity, Lou Raymond, said “Decent, affordable housing in South County continues to be an issue for many families that work and live in the area. With the start of this project in Exeter, in partnership with Thrivent Financial and a number of area churches, we will be able to help another South County family find a place to call home. The dream of homeownership is still possible.”

Exeter town council president, Ray Morrissey along with other members of the community, local churches, and members of both Thrivent and Habitat were present at the groundbreaking and wall raising ceremonies.

South County Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1990 as an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. SCHH dedicated its first home in 1992 and two years later in 1994, the completed a Blitz Build of two homes in Charlestown, R.I.

Along with their partnership with Thrivent Financial, the organization is partners with the University of Rhode Island and has several programs with the university.

Habitat 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.

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