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Habitat for Humanity Launches Fundraising Effort to Replace \$20,000 Worth of Stolen Tools from Exeter Construction Site

Exeter, R.I. Sometime between the evening of September 24th and the morning of September 25th, thieves broke into a construction trailer for South County Habitat for Humanity, stealing over \$20,000 in tools and equipment. Habitat recently started construction of a duplex home in Exeter and the theft was discovered Tuesday morning when crews showed up to work on the house. The theft not only causes an unplanned financial burden for the organization, but also creates a delay in construction of the home for two families in need of decent and affordable housing.

“It’s very disheartening when something like this happens” said Colin Penney, Executive Director at South County Habitat for Humanity. “It makes a tremendous impact on our efforts of helping families find affordable housing in the area. It’s hard to build a house without any tools or equipment for our volunteers to use, but we are focused on minimizing the delay and impact on these two families that the house is for.”

To replace the stolen tools and equipment as quickly as possible, South County Habitat has launched a fundraising program to help purchase replacement equipment. For those interested in helping in this effort, please visit our website at www.southcountyhabitat.org for more information.

Most of the stolen tools and equipment were marked with “SCHH” on them. We encourage anyone with information about the stolen tools and equipment to contact Trooper Lanoie at the Rhode Island State Police, Hope Valley Barracks, 401-444-1068.

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 general information, call 401-213-6711 or go to our website at www.southcountyhabitat.org.

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