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“Faith Community Leaders Lead By Example”

Eight congregations come together to build homes

Hillsboro, OR (August 2009) - For the fourth year running, Willamette West Habitat for Humanity celebrated our partnership with the faith community by hosting a Clergy Build Day. During the Clergy Build, pastors from partnering faith communities around the county joined together to help build a home in our newest neighborhood, Vance Place in Aloha. This important day not only helps provide a home to a qualified family who will then purchase the home, the build also partners various faith communities together in one common goal.

As in previous years, we were delighted with the diversity of churches who sent their leaders to build. Pastors and leaders representing St. Pius X Catholic Church, St. Juan Diego Catholic Church, Valley Community Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Bethel Congregational UCC, Community of Christ Church and Hillsdale Community Church all came out to pound nails and put up siding. Each of these churches are either sponsoring a house this year, or will be sponsoring one next year, and over the years have collectively raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to help families find stability and success, and hope for better lives for their children.

Area churches have been one of the many important partners in our ministry. With the rising demand for affordable housing in front of us, more than ever we need the support of the faith community for support. Habitat for Humanity is a servant of the church providing a concrete opportunity for people to put faith into action.

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About Willamette West Habitat for Humanity

Willamette West Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to generating homeownership and benefiting our community by building simple, decent, affordable housing with an emphasis on building neighborhoods. Since 1988, we have built 51 homes in Washington County, and look to complete five more in 2009. Habitat works in partnership with low-income families, volunteers, donors, and organizations to receive donated materials, volunteer labor and generous financial gifts. Qualifying families receive a zero-percent interest rate and monthly payments structured to their income. Mortgage payments go into a fund which is then recycled back in to the community to build additional houses. For more information, visit us at HabitatWest.org.