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Photo Attached: FCTG-Hampton Affiliates. Steve Zika (left) and Craig Johnston (right) each present Willamette West Habitat for Humanity executive director Mark Forker with a check for \$22,500.

LOCAL LUMBER COMPANIES WORK TOGETHER WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Portland, OR (August 14, 2013)

Two local lumber products companies are teaming together with Willamette West Habitat for Humanity. Hampton Affiliates and Forest City Trading Group, LLC are sponsoring a home in Hillsboro's BraunerBrook development.

Working together helps impact Willamette West Habitat in a big way. Hampton Affiliates and Forest City Trading Group are each donating funds and work crews, in conjunction with the future homeowners' required labor hours, to complete the new home.

Both Hampton Affiliates and Forest City Trading Group specialize in building products and each has long-term ties in Oregon. Hampton started in 1942 with the purchase of their Willamina sawmill, and Forest City Trading Group started in 1964 as a small trading company in Portland.

"Many people in the Portland Metropolitan area do not realize that wood products are a big part of the urban economy, not just in the rural part of our state. We believe wood is the ultimate local sustainable building product and we want to demonstrate that we are a sunrise industry at the same time we are helping a very worthy cause", said Steve Zika, Hampton CEO.

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About Hampton Affiliates

Hampton Affiliates is consistently ranked in Oregon's Top 150 Private Companies and has a sales office in Portland, OR. They own sawmills in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Hampton Affiliates has previously donated and sent employee work crews to various Oregon Habitat Chapters, including Willamette West Habitat. They have also been corporate contributors to the Oregon Food Bank since 2004, and are active in their sawmill communities.

About Forest City Trading

Forest City Trading Group operates wholesale trading offices in Portland, OR, across the US and in Canada. Two years ago, Forest City Trading Group's CEO Craig Johnston wanted to concentrate the resources of his 11 companies. With Habitat for Humanity having local chapters nationwide, building with them was a natural fit. In 2012, over 200 Forest City Trading Group employees donated funds and volunteered over 1,200 work hours. Today, there is a Forest City Trading Group-built home in nearly every community in which they have a business presence.

About Willamette West Habitat for Humanity

Willamette West Habitat for Humanity helps hardworking families in Washington County achieve home ownership. To qualify for a Habitat home, families must have a steady income, be in need of decent shelter and be willing to contribute 500 hours of their own labor building their Habitat house. All homes are sold at no profit and financed with a 0% interest mortgage. Since 1988, Willamette West has served 89 families locally.