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Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity joining national home-building alliance that will partner with 355 American families in 2007
Locally, one home will be built in Prescott with \$143,000 as part of this effort

PRESCOTT, ARIZ. (Dec. 18, 2006) – A national home-building alliance between Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity International will help Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity expand its home building capacity by one home this year. The home will be built in the Diamond Valley region of Prescott, Arizona.

The home is part of the Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity alliance that brings together thousands of volunteers and financial support from Thrivent Financial. Today, Habitat and Thrivent Financial are announcing **\$24.5 million has been committed to build 355 additional homes in 43 states with families in need in 2007.**

“We are honored and delighted to be part of this alliance that is creating additional home ownership opportunities with low-income families nationwide,” said Miriam Haubrich, executive director of Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity. “It will be a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our collaborations with local Lutheran congregations.”

Thrivent Financial became Habitat for Humanity International’s largest ally as a result of a four-year \$105 million commitment to help increase the non-profit housing ministry’s home building production. In addition, Thrivent Financial rallied its national network of nearly 3 million members to volunteer. The alliance gives local Habitat affiliates the opportunity to work with more low-income families toward achieving Habitat’s mission of eliminating substandard housing.

In 2006, the first year of the alliance, 313 families in 43 states achieved the dream of home ownership—a projected six percent increase in Habitat’s U.S. home production. In its second year, the alliance is again increasing Habitat’s home construction by working with 256 Habitat affiliates to build the 355 homes.

“I am enthusiastic about the new alliance between Thrivent Financial and Habitat for Humanity to help reduce substandard housing in the United States,” said Rev. Kirk Anderson, Pastor of Prescott Valley’s Emmanuel Lutheran Church in the Pacific Southwest Region of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. “The alliance’s goal in 2007 to build 355 homes across the country for families in need is tremendously exciting. I am eager for Thrivent volunteers in our community to become involved in the local Thrivent-

Habitat build, and I particularly look forward to the participation by members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in our collaboration with the Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity in this project.”

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity brings together two national nonprofit networks of 1,699 Habitat affiliates and 1,362 Thrivent volunteer chapters. Locally, the Mingus Mountain Thrivent Volunteer Chapter will be helping with the home. The need for an effort of this magnitude is great:

- More than 13 million U.S. households use at least half of their income to pay for housing.
- Millions more live in overcrowded conditions or housing with severe physical deficiencies, such as having no hot water, electricity or toilet.

To learn more, visit www.thriventbuilds.com.

About the Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity

Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit Christian housing ministry dedicated to building decent, affordable housing in partnership with those in need in the Quad-City area of Prescott, Chino Valley, Prescott Valley, and Dewey, Arizona. Since 1989, Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity has worked with 39 families to build homes. For more information, visit www.prescotthfh.org.

About the Pacific Southwest Region of Thrivent Financial

The Pacific Southwest Region is made up of 150 financial representatives and more than 127,500 members in the five-state region that includes Southern California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, and New Mexico. Together with its members, Thrivent Financial’s Pacific Southwest Region provided more than \$8,551,394 million in charitable outreach in 2005. For more information, visit www.lutheransonline.com.

About Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in Americus, Ga., in 1976, Habitat has built more than 200,000 houses in nearly 100 countries, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1 million people. For more information, visit www.habitat.org.

About Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a not-for-profit membership organization helping nearly 3 million members achieve their financial goals and give back to their communities. As a not-for-profit fraternal benefit society, Thrivent Financial sponsors national outreach programs and activities that support congregations, schools, charitable organizations and individuals in need. Thrivent Financial has main offices in Minneapolis, Minn., and Appleton, Wis. For more information, visit www.thrivent.com.

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