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Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County joins \$9.2 million national home-building effort in 2012

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County learned recently that it has been awarded \$52,635 to build a home in Springfield, Illinois.

This grant, providing 55 percent of the cost of construction, comes from Minneapolis-based Thrivent Financial for Lutherans' unique partnership with Habitat for Humanity International: Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County is celebrating their award in conjunction with an international announcement made Dec. 5, 2011, in Minneapolis, Minn., when the partnership's \$160 million mark was surpassed with a \$9.2 million commitment for 2012, the seventh year of a strong alliance between the two organizations.

The 2012 commitment will fund the construction and rehabilitation of 142 Habitat for Humanity homes in 32 U.S. states, including the home built by Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County in Springfield, Ill. Thrivent Builds is designed to involve Thrivent members and Lutherans in helping provide a "hand up" to people in need of affordable housing, offering them a path to greater economic independence.

Habitat for Humanity's relationship with Thrivent Financial brings the financial, volunteer and advocacy resources of Thrivent Financial together with the affordable housing construction leadership of hundreds of local Habitat for Humanity affiliates. To date, more than 480,000 volunteers have donated more than three million hours to construct 1,600 homes in the U.S.

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“The Thrivent Builds alliance is helping Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County increase the number of families served in our community,” said Sarah Mackey, executive director. “We are so grateful for Thrivent’s support of our efforts to provide decent, affordable homes in partnership with families in need.”

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County is a community-driven nonprofit organization that develops working partnerships with local businesses, churches, community organizations and other individuals to build simple, decent and affordable housing for all people in need. Since its founding in 1989, Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County has completed 85 houses in Sangamon County and served over 300 individuals in Sangamon County. For more information or to join the efforts to eliminate poverty housing, visit habitatsangamon.com or call 217.523.2710.

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