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National Partnership Brings Local Family a Chance for Habitat Home *Construction to begin this month with wallraising ceremony*

WHAT: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has awarded a grant to Habitat for Humanity Tucson for a fourth Thrivent Builds home in Pima County. Construction on the home for the Abdi/Abdullahi family will begin on March 20 with a wallraising ceremony.

“The Thrivent Builds alliance has helped Habitat Tucson increase the number of families served in our community,” said Michael McDonald, Executive Director. “We are so grateful for Thrivent’s support of our efforts to provide affordable homes in partnership with families in need.”

While the grant from Thrivent Financial provides at least 70 percent of the funding for a Habitat Tucson home, local volunteers—many of them Thrivent members and members of area Lutheran congregations—will assist with construction and help raise additional funds.

A typical Habitat house is approximately 1,100 square feet with three bedrooms; this home for the Abdi/Abdullahi family of six will have an extra bedroom to help accommodate the family’s size. The home is planned for completion in winter 2010.

This unique alliance between Habitat for Humanity International and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, called Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, has resulted in 2,000 homes for families in just four years. Habitat for Humanity Tucson has built 3 homes, so far, as part of that effort.

WHEN: Saturday, March 20, 2010
Construction will begin at 7 a.m.
Program and breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Habitat’s Corazon Del Pueblo neighborhood
I-10 and Craycroft
5719 E Vuelta De Nuestro Pueblo
Tucson, AZ

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Habitat for Humanity Tucson offers an innovative solution to the crisis of poverty housing by giving a hand up, not a hand out. Rooted in the shared impulses of all faith traditions to care for our most at-risk and vulnerable neighbors, Habitat for Humanity Tucson works to end poverty housing by creating opportunities for homeownership in partnership with low-income families; and by making decent shelter a matter of community conscience and action.

About Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a not-for-profit membership organization helping approximately 2.6 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 congregationsschools, charitable

organizations and individuals in need. Thrivent Financial has main offices in Minneapolis, Minn., and Appleton, Wis. For more information, visit www.thrivent.com.