



## Habitat for Humanity of Orange County

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## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **Construction begins on a second Habitat OC development in Westminster**

*Site will eventually be home to two Habitat homes*

Santa Ana, CA, July 23, 2009 – Habitat for Humanity families, volunteers, and donors will make dreams come true as they begin to build a home at 13931 Cedar Street in Westminster on Saturday, July 25, 2009, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

**WHO:** A Habitat for Humanity of Orange County program family, volunteers, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and the Lutheran Partnership.

**WHAT:** Habitat of Humanity of Orange County will hold a celebration to kick off the beginning of construction on one more Habitat OC home in Westminster.

**WHERE:** 13931 Cedar Street, Westminster, CA. 92683

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 25, 2009

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Registration

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Framing Ceremony and speakers, including:

- The Diaz family, Habitat program family building their home in Westminster
- Pastor Richard Ross, St. Luke's Lutheran, Westminster
- Senior Pastor Chris Tweitmann, Grace Lutheran, Huntington Beach
- Orange County Supervisor Janet Nguyen
- H.E. Durbin, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
- Linda Howard, Lutheran Partnership

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Construction safety briefing

8:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

First walls go up

11:00 a.m. – Noon

Lunch break

Noon – 3:00 p.m.

Construction on home continues

3:00 p.m.

Construction stops; site clean-up begins

3:30 p.m.

Site closes

## NEWS

**INTEREST:** Volunteers and the Diaz family will stand side-by-side to raise the first walls of a home in a manner reminiscent of an old-fashioned barn-raising. This home will be Habitat for Humanity of Orange County's fifth in Westminster, and will be followed by the construction of one more affordable Habitat home in Westminster beginning on August 10, 2009.

## NOTES TO MEDIA:

- Although this event is invitation-only, media representatives are welcome to visit the site at any time throughout the day.
- Since this is a working construction site, it is suggested that everyone who enters the construction site wear thick-soled shoes because of the uneven terrain and possibility of loose nails and other construction materials.

For more information, please contact Gladys Hernandez at (714) 434-6200 extension 229 or visit our website [www.habitatoc.org](http://www.habitatoc.org).

### **About Habitat for Humanity of Orange County**

*Celebrating 21 years of changing lives and changing communities in Orange County.*

#### ***134 houses built in Orange County***

Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, headquartered in Santa Ana, CA, is dedicated to ending substandard housing and building strong communities in Orange County. Habitat uses non-government donations of funding, materials, professional services and volunteer labor to build simple, decent homes which are sold to qualified low-income families for a 1% down payment, closing costs, and a long-term mortgage. Mortgage payments are recycled to build more Habitat homes. Habitat families contribute 500 hours of "sweat equity" to the program by building their own home, helping another Habitat family build a home, or working in some other area of the Habitat organization. Habitat for Humanity families and volunteers have built 134 homes in Orange County since 1988, and are currently building five homes in San Juan Capistrano, three homes in Yorba Linda, and two homes in Fullerton.

#### ***300,000 houses built worldwide***

Habitat for Humanity of Orange County is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, an ecumenical Christian housing ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat International has built more than 300,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1.5 million people. Habitat for Humanity International is currently the 10<sup>th</sup> largest homebuilder in the United States, according to Builder OnLine magazine.

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