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Construction begins on the sixth Habitat OC home in Westminster

House frames for "Gordon's House" were built in the Anaheim Convention Center in a three-day Blitz Framing

Santa Ana, CA, August 3, 2009 – What started as a giant house framing event in the Anaheim Convention Center in early July will continue as local Habitat families and volunteers raise the first walls for a new home at 13931 Cedar Street in Westminster -- Habitat's sixth home in Westminster -- on Monday, August 10, 2009, beginning at 1 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity of Orange County and the Los Angeles Diocese of the Episcopal Church partnered for the first time to build a home in conjunction with the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church. The home was framed in the Anaheim Convention Center Arena on July 9, 10 and 11, 2009, as part of a collaborative youth service project to honor the memory of the Reverend Canon Gordon B. Yeaton, Jr., an Episcopal priest, Habitat for Humanity of Orange County board member, teacher, volunteer and activist who died in 2007.

"We are thrilled to be able to build this home in Westminster," said Sharon Ellis, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity of Orange County. "This home is very special to us not only because of the incredibly generous volunteers who gathered in the Anaheim Convention Center to jump start our construction by building all of the house frames, but because this house is *Gordon's House*. Gordon's connection with young people throughout his life, and his love for the work of Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, was the inspiration for this *Gordon's House* to be built on this site."

Habitat for Humanity International CEO Jonathan Reckford joined the bishops of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles and the Yeaton family on Thursday, July 9, 2009, at the Anaheim Convention Center Arena to build and raise the first walls for *Gordon's House*

Among the volunteers who helped make this work were the Yeaton family, Habitat for Humanity International CEO Jonathan Reckford, Dr. Henry "Nick" Nicholas, the bishops of the Episcopal

Diocese of Los Angeles, and participants in the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church. Together they built the frames and began to make dreams come true for a family in search of a simple, decent, affordable home.

Habitat's fifth home in Westminster is also under construction on that same site.

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

Note to Media:

Although this event is invitation-only for the general public, members of the press are invited to attend.

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, two homes in Fullerton and two homes in Westminster.

Four homes completed and two under construction in Westminster

Habitat for Humanity of Orange County's first development of four homes in the City of Westminster was completed and dedicated in January 2005, on land provided by the Westminster Redevelopment Agency. These attractive two-story homes with wood composite exteriors and concrete tile roofs are located at 13942-13948 Edwards Street in Westminster. Habitat's second development of two homes is currently under construction at 13931 Cedar Avenue in Westminster.

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 10th largest homebuilder in the United States, according to [Builder OnLine](#) magazine.

About the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles and Congregations in Orange County

The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles unites some 70,000 Episcopalians in 147 neighborhood congregations, some 40 schools and 20 other specialized service institutions located in six Southern California counties.

With 22 congregations in Orange County, the Diocese is historically one of the five most populous and culturally diverse of the Episcopal Church's 110 dioceses located in 16 nations and territories. The Rt. Rev. J. Jon Bruno is bishop of the Diocese, which is currently focusing on the mission theme "Faith & Our Future."

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