



**Habitat for Humanity of Orange County**

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**MEDIA ALERT**

**Construction begins on a new Habitat home in Westminster called  
"Gordon's House"**

*Framing ceremony speakers to include Adelle Yeaton (Rev. Gordon Yeaton's widow), the Martinez family (this will be their home), Bishop Jon Bruno, Rev. Peter Haynes and Dr. Henry Nicholas*

Santa Ana, CA, August 6, 2009 – Habitat for Humanity families, volunteers, and donors will make dreams come true as they begin to build a new home at 13931 Cedar Street in Westminster on Monday, August 10, 2009, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The home, which is called "Gordon's House," 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.

The house frames were then transported from Anaheim to Westminster where the house will be built.

**WHAT:** A celebration to kick off the beginning of construction on one more Habitat OC home in Westminster. Following the framing ceremony, Rev. Yeaton's family will stand beside Habitat volunteers and the family who will ultimate live in this home, and together they will raise the walls for "Gordon's House."

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

**WHEN:** Monday, August 10, 2009

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Registration

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Framing Ceremony, featuring the following speakers:

- Adelle Yeaton, Rev. Gordon Yeaton's widow
- The Martinez family, Habitat program family who will build and purchase this home
- Rt. Rev. J. Jon Bruno, bishop of the six-county Diocese of Los Angeles

- Rev. Peter Haynes, St. Michaels and All Angels, Corona Del Mar
- Dr. Henry T. Nicholas

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Construction safety briefing
1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	First walls go up
3:00 p.m.	Construction stops; site clean-up begins
3:30 p.m.	Site closes

## NEWS

### INTEREST:

- Volunteers and the Martinez 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 sixth in Westminster.

## 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, 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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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