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Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley and Thrivent Financial volunteers complete more than 400 hours of service in West Willow

[YPSILANTI, Mich. (Oct. 8, 2018)] – Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley (Habitat) and volunteers from Thrivent Financial came together for Building on Faith 2018 in the West Willow Neighborhood of Ypsilanti. Events drew close to 80 volunteers and Thrivent members, who worked alongside homeowners in construction and non-construction activities to help improve the place they call home. The week of events began on Sept. 15 and ended Oct. 14.

“Thrivent continues to be an incredible partner,” said Sarah Stanton, Habitat Executive Director. “They are invested in the communities they serve and continue to help build a world where everyone has a decent place to live.”

Throughout the weeks, volunteers helped with a neighborhood clean up day and two Habitat renovation projects in the area. Thrivent and its members provided a \$5,000 grant to start the projects. Additional funding was provided by Habitat and local supporters.

“Building on Faith 2018 was a great opportunity for people to use their heart and hands to be generous and make a difference in their communities,” said Kris Callen, Thrivent Financial – Great Lakes/Mid-America Region Senior Community Engagement Leader. “The partnership between Thrivent and Habitat has a very positive impact on the Ypsilanti area.”

Habitat welcomed Thrivent to join them in their first joint Building on Faith Week. The events held in Ypsilanti were a part of a broader effort that included 26 communities throughout the northeast and thousands of hours donated by volunteers who put generosity into action.

About Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley

Established in 1989, Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley works to enrich Washtenaw County through a legacy of affordable homeownership for families and individuals of low income. Each year, Habitat serves or assists more than 1,000 families and individuals through its Home Ownership Program, Home Improvement Program, Veterans Program, Financial Education and Community Development Program. Habitat has built or renovated more than 200 homes and served or assisted more than 5,000 households in Washtenaw County. For more information, visit www.h4h.org.



About Thrivent Financial

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About Thrivent Financial and Habitat for Humanity

From the partnership's inception in 2005, and through the 2017 project year, Thrivent and Thrivent members have contributed more than \$240 million and more than 5.2 million volunteer hours to Habitat. In 2018, Thrivent and its members are committing over \$12 million to support the partnership, and will build or repair hundreds of homes in the U.S. In addition, up to 138 teams led by Thrivent members will build or repair more homes in the U.S. and abroad. Thrivent Financial is Habitat for Humanity International's largest corporate partner. For more information, visit ThriventBuilds.com.

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