

Good News for Affordable Housing in LaPorte County, Indiana!

Habitat for Humanity® International and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans® join together to increase affordable housing in Michigan City.

Times are tough and the construction of new homes has slowed considerably across the country. But here in Michigan City the Adrienne Coney family will mark an important milestone in their lives—helping to build their new home. This summer, along with local Habitat for Humanity volunteers, local Lutheran church members, and Thrivent Financial members, Adrienne and her twin 7-year old sons Amare and Kamare will see their dream of home ownership become a reality.

This new home is a result of an alliance between Habitat for Humanity International and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Called Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, this alliance has resulted in thousands of decent, affordable homes across the country since 2005. Thanks to its 2.6 million members who own financial products with the organization, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is able to contribute to the improvement of communities like Michigan City. The Thrivent Builds alliance also engages volunteers—members of Thrivent Financial, members of area Lutheran churches and members of the community at large—to work alongside the partner families to build these homes.

Adrienne is more than a little eager to finish construction of her new home. Over the next few months, she will be required to complete 500 hours of “sweat equity” helping to build it, a basic tenet of Habitat for Humanity. She will also repay the no-profit mortgage over a period of 20-25 years, illustrating Habitat for Humanity’s objective to give families a “hand up” rather than a “hand out.”

“Being able to help provide a family with a home means so much to Thrivent members,” states Deb Tupolski, local Thrivent Chapter president. “Volunteering is important to them, and this gives them a great way to personally support our community by helping families achieve financial security.” To learn more, visit www.thriventbuilds.com.

About Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built more than 300,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1.5 million people. For more information, visit www.habitat.org.

About Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

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