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**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ORLANDO AND THRIVENT FINANCIAL BREAK  
GROUND ON STAGHORN VILLAS TOWNHOME BUILDING  
*Thrivent Contributed \$533,000 to Fund the Development***

Orlando, Fla. – Representatives from Habitat for Humanity Orlando and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans recently broke ground on the third townhome building at Staghorn Villas. Thrivent Financial and the Lutheran Churches of Central Florida committed \$533,000 to help fund the project – the largest donation in Habitat Orlando's history.

The donation from Thrivent will be used to help construct a five unit building in Staghorn Villas. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and 32 Lutheran Churches from throughout Central Florida have partnered together to volunteer to help build those five homes at Staghorn Villas.

Staghorn Villas is Habitat Orlando's largest homebuilding effort, and the first multi-family development to date. Once complete, the 3.9-acre community will provide affordable homes for 58 local families. Located on Stag Horn Drive and Silver Star Road, the community will feature 10 buildings, each of which include four to eight townhomes surrounded by green spaces and play areas. Construction is slated for completion in 2011.

"We are very excited for this wonderful opportunity to continue our relationship with Habitat Orlando," said Scott Morris, managing partner of Thrivent Florida. "It's another great way for our Thrivent members and all the Lutheran congregations, schools and organizations in Central Florida to carry out the Thrivent Financial mission of improving the quality of life in our communities."

Dee Danmeyer, executive director for Habitat Orlando added: "Together, Thrivent

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Financial and Habitat create a powerful example of how we, as a community, can work together to help eliminate poverty housing. The strong alliance we share puts more families into stable, affordable homes, which, in turn, demonstrates the positive impact that home ownership – and communities like Staghorn Villas – can have on individuals, families, neighborhoods and cities."

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***About Habitat for Humanity Orlando***

*Habitat for Humanity Orlando is a not-for-profit, ecumenical, Christian organization dedicated to transforming the lives of low-income, hard-working families through the American dream of home ownership. Rated a four-star charity by Charity Navigator, Habitat Orlando works together with local sponsors, donors and volunteers to build communities and build families throughout Central Florida. To learn more about Habitat Orlando or to make a donation, call (407) 648-4567 or visit [www.habitat-orlando.org](http://www.habitat-orlando.org).*

***About Thrivent Financial for Lutherans***

*Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a not-for-profit financial services membership organization helping nearly 3 million members thrive in life. Thrivent Financial and its subsidiaries offer a broad range of financial products and services including life insurance, annuities, mutual funds, disability income insurance, bank products and more. As a not-for-profit organization, Thrivent Financial brings its members together for social, educational and volunteer activities that support congregations, schools, charitable organizations and individuals in need. For more information, visit [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com).*

***About Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity***

*Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity is a \$125 million alliance between Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity International to substantially increase Habitat's capacity to build more housing. Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity programs encompass financial, volunteer and advocacy components. They seek to engage Thrivent members, Lutherans and their communities to build hundreds of homes annually with Habitat for Humanity across the country and around the world. For more information, visit [www.thriventbuilds.com](http://www.thriventbuilds.com).*

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