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Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio and Stark County Catholic parishes celebrate a home built on faith in Southeast Canton

Canton, Ohio, November 15, 2023 — Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio, in partnership with Stark County Catholic parishes, will host a special home dedication event at 1:30 PM on Thursday, November 30. This key presentation ceremony, to be held at the newly constructed home at 535 14th St. SE, Canton, symbolizes the power of faith and community uniting to make a tangible difference with the Mathis family in Southeast Canton.

Guests of honor will include the Most Rev. David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, along with volunteers and families from the participating Stark County Catholic parishes. The event will celebrate the hard work of all those involved, offer blessings for the new home, and will culminate with the Mathis family receiving the keys to their future home.

"This home represents more than just a structure; it's a testament to what faith in action can truly achieve," said Beth Lechner, CEO of Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio. "We have witnessed the spirit of service come alive through every volunteer, and the joy of fellowship in every hammer swing. This dedication is a celebration of that spirit and the bright future it ensures for the Mathis family."

Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio extends heartfelt gratitude to the participating parishes: St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, St. Paul Catholic Church, Holy Spirit Catholic Church, and St. Francis of Assisi Parish for their unwavering dedication and support, with special thanks as well to Mr. Harold Ziegler.

The community is encouraged to participate in the dedication from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM. Attendees are advised that street parking is available but limited due to ongoing road construction, and carpooling is encouraged.

As a grassroots Christian housing ministry, Habitat for Humanity emphasizes that building homes is synonymous with building faith. "As we come together in fellowship and purpose, we embody the essence of our beliefs—that every family deserves a safe, affordable place to call home. We are thankful for every hand that has made this possible, reflecting the love and generosity that is the foundation of our faith," expressed Lechner.

About Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio: Serving Stark, Carroll, Tuscarawas, Harrison, and Jefferson Counties, Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio is driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live. People partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and purchase the homes with an affordable zero interest mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering, or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability, and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, Habitat empowers. To learn more, visit habitateco.org.

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