

Thrivent's generosity helps Habitat build

GRAND FORKS — Thank you to Herald staff writer Suzanne Nadeau for her story on our current build at North 53rd Street in Grand Forks ("A home of their own," Page B1, June 16).

There's one element to this build that is very important. It was made possible by a partnership with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. It has committed \$125 million over a four-year period to help Habitats increase their house construction in the U.S. and abroad.

In 2008, the third year of this four-year commitment, Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity will provide \$23.2 million to support thousands of local volunteers who will help build up to 322 Thrivent Builds homes in the U.S.

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity is increasing Habitat's capacity to build more housing with the financial, volunteer and advocacy components. Most volunteers were from eight local Lutheran churches: Augustana, Calvary, Immanuel, Redeemer, St. Mark's, Sharon, United, and University Lutheran.

Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to eliminating poverty housing by providing simple, decent and affordable homes. It is important to reach out and help more families each year, and this can only be done through innovative alliances such as Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity.

Our heartfelt thanks to Thrivent Builds and all participants.

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