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News Release

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150 Volunteers from CoxHealth join Thrivent Financial and Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, MO for inaugural Rock the Block event in Woodland Heights

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – 150 volunteers from CoxHealth will join Thrivent Financial, Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, MO (HFHS), and residents of Woodland Heights to Rock the Block for the second Neighborhood Revitalization project in Woodland Heights. Rock the Block, set for Thursday, September 29, 2016, will kick-off with a volunteer rally at 1:00 p.m. at Lafayette Park 202 E Atlantic St. Springfield, MO 65803 before volunteers disseminate to designated volunteer sites. Volunteers will be working on projects from 9:00 a.m. – noon, and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. on N. Jefferson Ave.

During the inaugural Rock the Block event, volunteers from CoxHealth and Thrivent Financial will complete 13 home preservation and repair projects along Jefferson Avenue in Springfield's Zone 1. Projects include painting, exterior home repairs, and yard clean-ups. The projects are funded by Thrivent Financial's *Thrivent Builds Repairs* program which brings financial, volunteer and advocacy resources to the mission of Habitat for Humanity to assist with home builds and repairs at home and worldwide.

"When we launched Neighborhood Revitalization, the community stepped up in a big way," said Larry Peterson, executive director of HFHS. "Rock the Block is another example of bringing businesses together to partner with Woodland Heights in its effort to improve the neighborhood."

Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) is an approach to serve more families by responding to community goals with a variety of products, services and partnerships to enable residents to revive their neighborhoods and enhance their quality of life. Through NR, Habitat for Humanity will continue to provide home building and repair services, in addition to building partnerships with churches, schools, nonprofits, civic groups and businesses to provide an array of services that address the neighborhood goals determined by residents of Woodland Heights.

Woodland Heights was selected as the targeted area for Habitat for Humanity's NR program in July 2016 for having a higher number of owner occupied homes in Springfield's Zone 1, the number of residents identified as living in poverty, and a strong relationship with neighborhood leaders dedicated to achieving community goals.

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About Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, Missouri

Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, Missouri (HFHS) believes every person in the Springfield and surrounding area deserves a decent place to live. As an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, HFHS impacts more than 130 households a year. Since 1988, HFHS has either built or renovated more than 490 homes, providing shelter for more than 998 men, women and children from Greene, Christian, and Webster Counties by helping people gain strength, stability and self-reliance through housing, including home construction, rehabilitation and repairs and by increasing access to improved shelter through products and programs. HFHS is a United Way of the Ozarks partner agency. Learn more, including official word marks and images, at habitatspringfieldmo.org/newsroom or at [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

About Thrivent Financial

Thrivent Financial is a financial services organization that helps Christians be wise with money and live generously. We offer a broad range of products and services – including life insurance, annuities and mutual funds – along with guidance from financial representatives nationwide. For more than a century we've helped our nearly 2.4 million member-owners make wise money choices that reflect their values. And we provide opportunities for them to be even more generous where they live, work and worship. . For more information, visit Thrivent.com. Also, you can find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

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About CoxHealth

A community-based, not-for-profit health system, CoxHealth is headquartered in Springfield, Mo. It has been recognized with 28 number one ratings from CareChex, a division of Comparion Medical Analytics, and is nationally accredited by DNV GL - Healthcare.

Established in 1906, the organization serves more than 900,000 people in a 24-county service area in southwest Missouri and northwest Arkansas, offering a comprehensive array of primary and specialty care including five hospitals and more than 80 clinics in 25 communities.

The health system includes Cox Medical Center South, Cox Medical Center Branson, Cox North Hospital, Meyer Orthopedic and Rehabilitation Hospital, Cox Monett Hospital, Oxford HealthCare, Home Parenteral Services (home infusion therapy), CoxHealth Foundation, Cox College, Cox HealthPlans and more.

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