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Rock the Block neighborhood cleanup held in Woodland Heights:

100 volunteers from the faith community will join Thrivent Financial & Habitat for Humanity to complete home repair projects, all part of Neighborhood Revitalization

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Volunteers from six area churches will join Thrivent Financial, Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, MO (HFHS) and residents of Woodland Heights to “Rock The Block”, a bi-annual event focused on completing home repairs alongside homeowners needing assistance in completing the repairs and clean-ups. The fifth Rock the Block will kick-off on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. with a volunteer rally at Woodland Heights Presbyterian Church, 722 W. Atlantic, Springfield, MO 65803.

During Rock the Block, volunteers will complete 22 home preservation and repair projects in Woodland Heights as part of Habitat’s ongoing Neighborhood Revitalization efforts. Projects include painting and yard clean-ups funded by the *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.

“Helping to provide decent, affordable homes through repairs is one of the focus areas of revitalization for Woodland Heights residents,” said Larry Peterson, executive director for HFHS.

“We are proud to see the faith community and Thrivent join our commitment to Woodland Heights and we invite other businesses and organizations to lend a hand, too!”

Neighborhood Revitalization is Habitat for Humanity’s newest program that strives to improve the quality of life of a single neighborhood by working with area businesses, government, residents, and other nonprofits who share a vision of revitalization. Woodland Height’s focus areas of revitalization include beautification, community, housing, health and safety.

“It is inspiring to join the Neighborhood Revitalization effort to help improve the quality of life of Woodland Height’s residents,” said Vicki Hicks, Community Engagement Leader with Thrivent.

“Sharing our time and talents to live generously and strengthen our community is a great way to get to know our neighbors and make a real difference.”

Thrivent remains the largest non-governmental supporter of Habitat for Humanity International.

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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 80 households a year. Since 1988, HFHS has either built or renovated more than 632 homes, providing shelter for more than 1,236 men, women and children from Greene, Christian, and Webster Counties by helping people gain

strength, stability and independence through housing, including home construction, rehabilitation and repairs and by increasing access to improved shelter through products, programs and Neighborhood Revitalization. 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](#).

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About Thrivent and Habitat for Humanity

Thrivent has been a national partner of Habitat for Humanity since 2005. The partnership is designed to involve Thrivent members and other volunteers to improve communities by working alongside families in need of a decent place to live all across the U.S. and around the world. Together with its volunteers, Thrivent has constructed and repaired more than 4,800 homes in the U.S. and has sent over 1,200 build teams around the world. Thrivent remains the largest non-governmental supporter of Habitat for Humanity International. For more information, visit ThriventBuilds.com.

About Thrivent

Thrivent is a financial services organization that helps Christians be wise with money and live generously. As a membership organization, it offers its more than 2.3 million members a broad range of products, services and guidance from financial representatives nationwide. For more than a century it has helped members make wise money choices that reflect their values while providing them opportunities to demonstrate their generosity where they live, work and worship. For more information, visit Thrivent.com/why. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.