Erie Insurance Announces $125,000 Gift to Habitat for Humanity

Twenty-four Habitat for Humanity Affiliates Receive Home for the Holidays Grants

(Erie, Pa.) December 20, 2011 - There's something special about being home for the holidays. That's why Erie Insurance is partnering with Habitat for Humanity this holiday season, helping dreams of home ownership come true across the company's service territory.

Erie Insurance President & CEO Terry Cavanaugh announced a $125,000 collective donation to 24 Habitat for Humanity affiliates across 11 states during an employee event held at the Fortune 500 Company's headquarters.

"As an insurance provider, we understand how much having a home means to people, especially during the holiday season," said Cavanaugh. "Together with our employees and agents, we're proud to support Habitat for Humanity with funding and volunteers to help create safe housing for deserving families."

Beyond the monetary donation, ERIE Employees will be delivering over 150 holiday wreaths to Habitat homeowners in the coming weeks. Arthur Woodward, Chief Executive Officer of the Flower City Habitat for Humanity in Rochester, N.Y. and Nancy Milkowski, Executive Director of the Greater Erie Area Habitat for Humanity, in Erie, Pa. accepted ERIE's donation on behalf of all Habitat affiliates.

The following Habitat for Humanity affiliates will also receive a portion of the $125,000 donation:

- Flower City Habitat for Humanity (Rochester, N.Y.)
- Greater Erie Area Habitat for Humanity (Erie, Pa.)
- Washington County Habitat for Humanity (Hagerstown, Md.)
- Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake (Baltimore, Md.)
- Habitat for Humanity Greater Peoria Area (Peoria, Ill.)
- Fort Wayne Habitat for Humanity (Fort Wayne, Ind.)
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis (Indianapolis, Ind.)
- Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte (Charlotte, N.C.)
- Habitat for Humanity of Wake County (Raleigh, N.C.)
- Habitat for Humanity of Lehigh Valley (Allentown, Pa.)
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Harrisburg Area (Harrisburg, Pa.)
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Stark and Carroll Counties (Canton, Ohio)
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Columbus (Columbus, Ohio)
- Habitat for Humanity Knoxville (Knoxville, Tenn.)
- Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity (Nashville, Tenn.)
- Habitat for Humanity of Cambria County (Ebensburg, Pa.)
- Habitat for Humanity of Central Westmoreland (Greensburg, Pa.)
- Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia (Philadelphia, Pa.)
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, Pa.)
- Habitat for Humanity Wood County (Parkersburg, W.Va.)
- Habitat for Humanity Richmond Metropolitan (Richmond, Va.)
- Habitat for Humanity in the Roanoke Valley (Roanoke, Va.)
- Habitat for Humanity of Waukesha County (Waukesha, Wis.)
- Habitat for Humanity Staunton-Augusta (Waynesboro, Va.)
- Habitat for Humanity of Butler County (Butler, Pa.)

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