

Habitat For Humanity Finishes The 29th Home In Newburgh

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Washington Street in Newburgh has a beautiful new house by way of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh and The Hudson Valley Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Lutheran Churches in the Hudson Valley. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a faith-based membership organization called to improve the quality of life for members as well as the community. On Saturday, December 1, 2007 there was a Dedication Ceremony and a blessing of the new house while proud new homeowners, The Mejia Family, looked on and gave thanks to all the people who gave countless hours to help build their new home. Jody Schuyler and Danielle Crinieri, who work as Family Advocates were more than pleased to be part of the celebration, "We love this family and could not have asked for a nicer family to work with," said Schuyler. The land was donated by Frederick and Desiree Watson. "We are so glad that we were able to donate land to such a deserving family, god bless you Mejia Family," expressed Watson. The Dedication Ceremony ended on a high note as it was just announced that Newburgh has just been rewarded another grant for 2008 to build another house to add to the community. The Mejia Family, to show their thanks, hosted a luncheon next to their new home. In closing, Deirdre Glenn, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Greater



Family advocates, Jody Schuyler and Danielle Crinieri speaking to the crowd in attendance on Saturday, December 1, 2007 on Washington Street in Newburgh at the Dedication ceremony for a new house built by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh and The Hudson Valley Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Lutheran Churches in the Hudson Valley.



Above, Daniel Clarino, First Vice President of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh starting off the ceremony to celebrate the new house that was just finished on Washington Street in Newburgh on Saturday, December 1, 2007.



Members of The Mejia Family show their appreciation to all who worked on their new house. (Photos By Kristen Hamel-McEvoy)

Newburgh. "This could not have been possible without everyone involved in this process including many volunteers who volunteered countless hours in all conditions." said Glenn.