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UPPER VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TEAMS UP WITH TIMBERPEG® AND FOARD PANEL ON THE "INTERFAITH HOUSE"

All are invited to break ground for the timber-framed Upper Valley Habitat InterFaith House on May 18. The timber frame raising will be held shortly thereafter and all are also welcome and encouraged to attend this event.



(West Lebanon, NH – April 2008) The Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity, in conjunction with Timberpeg®, Foard Panel and members of twenty faith communities in the Upper Valley, invite all to break ground for a new, perpetually affordable home on Sunday, May 18. The Upper Valley family that will live in the home has not yet been chosen but will be selected shortly before groundbreaking and will “drive the first peg” of their timber frame home in early June. The "Upper Valley Habitat InterFaith House" will be built in Star Lake Village in Norwich, VT on land provided by Twin Pines Housing Trust of White River Junction and is designed to meet Energy Star® qualifications.

Timberpeg®, a local Upper Valley timber frame company with offices in West Lebanon and Claremont, is donating locally harvested eastern white pine timbers, decking and labor to install the first floor deck and erect the timber frame. Timberpeg® also volunteered their services to help in the design of the new home. “Timberpeg has been pleased to work with Habitat for Humanity in designing and providing a high-quality timber-framed house that will be attractive, affordable and very energy efficient,” says Jonathan Vincent, AIA, Timberpeg® Architect and Director of Design. Vincent worked with Don Derrick, Executive Director at Habitat for Humanity, and Tim McCosker, Designer at Habitat for Humanity, on the design.

Foard Panel, located in West Chesterfield, NH, and TOLKO Industries, Ltd., located in British Columbia, Canada, are donating XPS (extruded polystyrene) structural insulated panels (SIP) to enclose the home. Foard Panel is the only company in America to make this type of SIP. The XPS product is produced by DOW and exceeds Energy Star® standards for thermal performance, which will allow the homeowner great savings on their energy bills. Foard Panel and Timberpeg® will provide the labor to attach the panels.

"This is an absolutely wonderful gift by Timberpeg and Foard. The materials are absolutely top rate, and we were so impressed by the way the people in the organizations took hold of the project and designed a home especially for the Habitat ideal of a 'simple, decent home'," says Don Derrick of Habitat for Humanity.

This major contribution by Timberpeg® and Foard Panel will aid the sponsorship by twenty local faith communities. "What a great example of people joining together to use their skills and resources to help each other help their neighbors. The leadership of Timberpeg® and of our twenty Faith Community sponsors is ensuring a safe, secure home for a family in need. This is just what I have come to expect from the people of the Upper Valley. What a great place to live," comments Don Derrick.

If you are interested in volunteering or donating any materials for this project, please call The Upper Valley Habitat for Humanity at (802) 295-1854 or contact via email at uvhfh@sover.net. To learn more about this project and to keep up with its progress visit timberpeg.com/habitat or www.uppervalleyhabitat.org/projects.htm.

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