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Press Release

Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Sharon, CT July 2016: Since 1991 Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut has been helping to build stronger communities through affordable homeownership for workforce families. To celebrate this 25th anniversary milestone, the local affiliate kicked off a Capital Campaign earlier this year planning to raise \$100,000 for an *Anniversary Build* in 2017. Habitat is currently considering three possible building sites for this project: a property they own on Furnace Road in Lime Rock or two on Salisbury Road in North Canaan.

A dinner dance celebration will take place on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at LionRock Farm in Sharon. The event, to be emceed by Brian Ross, ABC News Chief Investigative Correspondent and a Sharon resident, will recognize John Pogue (Lakeville), Judi Moore (Lakeville) and Don & Diane Hewat (Salisbury) for their service to the Habitat mission as representatives of the many founders, volunteers and donors (respectively) who have supported Habitat for 25 years. The event is being catered by Executive Chef, Bennett Chinn and music of the Frank Sinatra era will be provided by Doug Feron and Band.

Platinum Sponsors include Salisbury Bank and LionRock Farm; Gold Sponsor: Stadium System; Silver Sponsors: Becton Dickinson, Ann Grumpelt, Kent School and Lindell Fuels. Event Underwriters include: Ascendant Compliance Management, Tracy & Mary Atwood, Anne Bowen, Tom & Marjorie Connors, Rodney Dugas & Joel Brehm, Wilhelmina Eaken, First Congregational Church of Kent, Bill & Leslie Forsyth, Herrington's, Litchfield Bancorp, Scott & Thao Matlock, John & Karen O'Neil, Thomas Sitzmann & Susan Rovzar

For Immediate Release

A *25th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet* with local business ads as well as stories, pictures and memorabilia from 25 years of home builds, dedications, Tag Sales, and other fundraising events will be distributed at the event and throughout the Northwest corner of CT.

For more information on the event or to find out how you can help Habitat reach its Capital Campaign goal, contact Dawn Whalen at dawnwhalen@habitatnwct.org or 860-435-4747. To purchase event tickets online, visit their web site www.habitatnwct.org/25th.

ABOUT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT:

Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut is a locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization. They serve the six-town area of Canaan/Falls Village, Cornwall, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, and Sharon.

Volunteers provide most of the labor, and individual and corporate donors provide money and materials to build Habitat houses. Partner families are required to work 400 hundred hours - "sweat equity" - in building their own home and the home of others. The houses are sold to the partner families with a no interest loan. The mortgage payments go into a revolving fund used to help build more houses.

Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Connecticut promotes home ownership by building houses in partnership with residents in need of adequate housing. In 2015, the affiliate dedicated its eleventh home - the second home located in North Canaan. Construction continues on a house in Sharon, in collaboration with the Sharon Housing Trust.