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Our Saviour's to Host Habitat for Humanity Benefit Concert

Money Raised Will Support Fairfield Home Repair Project

FAIRFIELD, Conn., August 10, 2012 – Our Saviour's Lutheran Church will host a benefit concert on Tuesday, August 28, to raise funds for a Habitat for Humanity home repair project in Fairfield.

The concert, to be held at the church at 7:00 p.m., will feature a wide range of musical styles – from classical, jazz and Broadway, to modern, reggae, punk, alternative and metal – performed by local high-school musicians.

Tickets cost \$10 in advance and are available by calling (203) 216-1106. Tickets also may be purchased at the door for \$15. The church is located at 160 Hill Farm Road (corner of Duck Farm Road) in Fairfield.

All proceeds will go to pay for recently completed repairs to the Flynn home at 174 Fairfield Woods Road. Volunteers from Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County worked on the project as part of Habitat's Critical Home Repair program.

"We are looking to raise \$6,000 to help pay for the work that was done on the Flynn home," said Carole Canzoneri, whose daughter Kim, a cellist, will be playing in the concert. "We're hoping for a big turnout and continued community support to help our neighbors in need."

Members of the BANK Quartet – Kim Canzoneri, Bridget Halstead, Sarah Green and Ankit Anil – were the driving force behind the concert, said Carole Canzoneri. "I want to thank all of the students and their parents for caring enough to put on this concert, and support this great cause," she said.

Before Habitat stepped in, the Flynn house was in a state of serious disrepair. Owner Holly Flynn had trouble maintaining her home as she struggled with the loss of her eyesight and, as a single mom, caring for her two disabled sons on a very small income.

In only two and half weeks this past May, Habitat volunteers renovated the Flynn home from top to bottom, installing new exterior siding and shutters; patching, sanding and painting the interior walls; sanding and sealing the wood floors, and gutting and replacing the kitchen and bathrooms.

“Because of the tight time frame and the unanticipated amount of repairs, we had to borrow \$6,000 from another project to complete Holly’s home quickly. That’s why we’re continuing to raise funds for this project,” said Keith Cook, Habitat CFC’s co-president and director of construction. “I want to thank Carole and the other volunteers for organizing this benefit concert and for rallying the community in support of Holly and her family.”

Cook said nearly half of the funding for this project – including labor and materials – came from local developer Glenn Tatangelo of Love Where You Live Homes, LLC, and his family foundation.

To read more about Holly’s story, go to <http://blog.habitatcfc.org/2012/04/habitat-cfc-to-partner-with-love-where-you-live-homes-llc-in-providing-critical-home-repair-services-to-a-fairfield-family/>

Musical groups and artists performing at the August 28 concert include the BANK Quartet, Far From In Between, Brose, Bryan Fichera and Kim Canzoneri, Ankit Anil, Claire and Jack Feeny, Cara Brundage and Isaiah Mansour, and youth vocalists from CES Regional Center for the Arts, a magnet-school program in Trumbull for high-school-aged students.

A raffle will be held after the concert, with prizes donated by local merchants including J. Albert Johnson Jewelers, Westport Music Center, Country Cow Deli, Primo Pizza, Fairfield University Bookstore, Chili Bomb, Massage Envy, Total Look Salon, European Wax Center, and Gyro Grill, among others. A bake sale will also be held.

About Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County

Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County (Habitat CFC) is a nonprofit ecumenical housing ministry that builds communities and improves lives by eliminating substandard housing and creating homeownership possibilities for motivated low-income families. Our volunteers, donors, homeowners and staff are people of all faiths. We also operate a ReStore, a retail store that accepts donations of, and then resells, furniture, appliances and building materials, both new and used. Since 1985 we have built more than 165 homes for nearly 700 family members in our region that spans Stratford to Greenwich. Learn more at www.habitatcfc.org or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HabitatCFC

About Our Saviour's

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), reaches out to the world and to its local communities with the Good News of the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The congregation receives strength for this mission through Worship, Christian Education, Service, Benevolent Giving, Witness, Mutual Support and a commitment to grow in faith and participation. Our Saviour's is guided in the belief that, "As God Gives to Us, So We Give to Others."

Holy Communion is celebrated during worship services at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday (summer schedule, through September 9). The church also offers Sunday School and Adult Forum programs during the rest of the year. For more information, please call (203) 255-0545 or visit us at www.oursaviours.net.

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