

**GROUNDBRAKING AND 31st YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATION
WITH ST.MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH &
YAKIMA VALLEY PARTNERS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

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Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity, St. Matthew Lutheran Church partner for its 31st Anniversary Home Build and its 183rd project groundbreaking celebration event!

Yakima, WA April 20, 2018 – During the week of April 23-28, 2018, St. Matthew Lutheran Church from Beaverton, Oregon and Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity are joining forces to help build new hope to a low-income family seeking affordable housing.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Beaverton, OR has had the opportunity to participate in a work project with the Yakima Valley Partners' Habitat for Humanity affiliate since 1988. We have worked on houses in the city of Yakima and almost every small town in the Yakima Valley. We've met wonderful, dedicated people from the Habitat office and have especially enjoyed meeting and working with the homeowners. This year we will have close to 50 people coming to build, paint, and cook for a week. We look forward to coming each year, meeting new people, and renewing ongoing friendships." Says, Carolyn Schell.

This year's home build will take place at 509 E R Street in Yakima, Washington. This project marks Habitat for Humanity's 183rd project and 1 of 8 homes planned for year 2018. The media is cordially invited to our job site to witness the St. Matthew Lutheran Church group in action and join us to celebrate the Ramos family's home ground breaking event Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at noon.

About Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity:

***Celebrating 34 years of changing lives, neighborhoods and communities in Yakima County.
175 homes built in Yakima County***

Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to ending substandard housing and building strong communities in Yakima County. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that builds safe, affordable, and quality homes in partnership with families who earn 30% to 80% of the median income for Yakima County. Families are required to contribute 500 hours of "sweat equity" helping to build their home, helping another partner family build a home, or working in other area of our organization. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, visit www.yakimahabitat.org

Yakima Valley Partners Habitat for Humanity, founded in 1984 by Fred and Pam Bauman, being the first affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International in the State of Washington.
