

## **PRESS RELEASE: For Immediate Release**

### **First Congregational Church of River Edge Volunteers in Bergenfield**

RIVER EDGE, NJ, October 24, 2016 – Congregation members from the First Congregational Church of River Edge devoted a Saturday of Service to Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County by volunteering on Habitat Bergen’s construction worksite in Bergenfield. The First Congregational Church of River Edge continued their central commitment to community outreach through this act of volunteerism on our construction worksite.



The church is one of Habitat Bergen’s Inter Faith community partners, with representatives from various religious sectors who meet periodically to plan volunteer and advocacy events, as well as discuss how service can influence our local communities and affordable housing initiatives in Bergen County.

The team of ten volunteers from the congregation was fortunate enough to volunteer with our future homeowners, the Pimentel’s. The group spent the day installing insulation and Styrofoam over the insulation.

The house in Bergenfield is a 1,900 square foot, three-bedroom home with two and a half bathrooms, a kitchen, living room, and one-car garage. The house is being built with the latest environmental and energy-efficiency standards to provide the owners with cost-saving opportunities.

First Congregational Church of River Edge has shown exceptional commitment to community outreach. This year, in addition to their team build, the church aided in Habitat Bergen’s mission by raising money in their “Hammers for Habitat” project as a donation.

“We had members of our congregation from age 17 to 70, men and women, skilled and unskilled, working together in fellowship with the friendly and dedicated future homeowners. We felt like part of a larger continuum of a community of service, starting the work where the prior day’s volunteers had ended, handing our work on to the next day’s volunteers. It was a wonderful and fulfilling way to spend a

## **PRESS RELEASE: For Immediate Release**

Saturday,” said Helen Koons, Mission Committee Leader with the First Congregational Church of River Edge.

“First Congregational Church of River Edge supports a number of local nonprofit organizations in Bergen County. We are honored to be one of them. Our partnership with the church has gained momentum this year and we are looking forward to their continued participation with the Inter Faith Committee and additional Saturdays of Service on our worksite. People guided by faith who are passionate about service are a powerful force and an inspiration to see in action,” said Pamela Nall, Habitat Bergen’s Chief of Staff and Inter Faith Committee Chair.

For more information about Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County, visit [www.habitatbergen.org](http://www.habitatbergen.org) or call 201.457.1020.

### **About Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County**

The goal of Habitat Bergen is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the face of the earth by working in partnership with people in need. Using volunteer labor and donated funds and materials, Habitat Bergen builds or rehabilitates simple, decent houses and sells them to low-income families at cost, but with no interest added. Habitat Bergen is a people-to-people partnership, which joins all of us together regardless of race, nationality, religion, or socioeconomic status. That partnership begins with the homeowner families (partner families). Habitat Bergen is not a giveaway program, but a joint venture in which those who benefit from the housing ministry are involved in the work at various levels. They help with the construction of their own home, as well as the houses of their neighbors.

###