

Habitat for Humanity ranks No. 6 among largest homebuilders in the U.S.

ST. CROIX FALLS – Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity’s work to provide affordable housing in Polk and Burnett Counties has helped Habitat for Humanity International rank as the sixth largest homebuilder on Builder magazine’s top 100 list. With 6,032 closings in 2010, this is the second time Habitat for Humanity has placed in the top 10.

“Our placement on the Builder 100 list is a testament to what can be accomplished when people work together,” said Larry Gluth, senior vice president of U.S. and Canada for Habitat for Humanity International. “So many families in the United States and around the world face an incredible need for affordable housing, and this need only increases during challenging economic times. Habitat works every day to help these families, and we are grateful for the generosity of our donors, volunteers and advocates who have joined our efforts to help families obtain safe, decent and affordable homes and to strengthen communities.”

In 2010, Wild Rivers Habitat helped two families obtain affordable housing and plans to help at least two more families in 2011. Since 1997, the affiliate has built more than 20 homes.

“We are thrilled that our work to provide affordable housing has contributed to Habitat’s ranking as the sixth largest builder in the United States,” said Eric Kube, Executive Director at Wild Rivers Habitat. “We are proud to help families obtain affordable housing, and we thank our supporters for their commitment to helping families in need.”

The Builder 100 list is an annual compilation of the largest homebuilders in the country. In 2009, Habitat for Humanity ranked eighth on the list with 5,294 closings, marking the first time the organization made it to the top 10.

About Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity

WRHFH, located in St. Croix Falls, is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Our mission is to use God’s gifts to change lives by improving housing conditions in our communities. WRHFH, established in 1997, serves all of Polk and Burnett counties. Habitat raises funds and donated building materials, organizes volunteers, selects a family, and builds a home for and with them. Habitat doesn’t give anything away – providing a hand up, not a handout, to a family in need of a home. The family is required to help build the home, and they buy it from Habitat with a no- or low-interest mortgage when it is complete. To learn more, call 715-483-2700, or visit www.wildrivershabitat.org.

About Habitat for Humanity International

Habitat for Humanity International is an ecumenical Christian ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built, rehabilitated, repaired or improved more than 400,000 houses worldwide, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 2 million people. For more information, or to donate or volunteer, visit habitat.org.