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House Sponsorships Enable Habitat for Humanity to Build Homes in Greensburg

WICHITA, Kan. – Wichita Habitat for Humanity will build two homes in the tornado-damaged community of Greensburg, Kan. Gifts of \$65,000 each from Koch Nitrogen Company and the South Central Community Foundation will assist with the community's rebuilding efforts.

"As fellow Kansans, we feel a special connection to Greensburg," said Steve Packebush, president of Koch Nitrogen Company. "Not only is our Dodge City plant nearby, but our employees were among the first to step up after the tornado donating \$25,000 and sending tools and equipment to begin to get the town back on its feet."

Altogether, Koch companies and their employees gave more than \$170,000 in cash and in-kind donations to Greensburg's rebuilding efforts in 2007.

According to Koch Nitrogen's Dodge City Plant Manager, Gary LeRock, "Dodge City and Greensburg are part of a close-knit, Southwest Kansas community. This build is a special opportunity for us to help our neighbors. The people of Greensburg have an amazing spirit and we invite other businesses to join us as we help rebuild their town."

Koch companies have been long-time partners with Habitat, and in 2007 sponsored and built their third Habitat house in Wichita.

The South Central Community Foundation of Pratt, Kan., house will be built as a partnership between the Pratt/Kiowa County Habitat chapter and the Wichita Habitat affiliate.

Denise Unruh, executive director for the South Central Community Foundation stated, "We are pleased to enter into this partnership and to sponsor a house that will benefit a Greensburg family. We know Habitat is a quality program that reaches out to meet the housing needs of families who are seeking decent and affordable homeownership."

Efforts are underway to secure additional house sponsorships and contributions. Interested donors are encouraged to contact the Wichita Habitat for Humanity offices at 316-269-0755.



About Wichita Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity International is a non-profit ecumenical Christian housing ministry that welcomes to its work all people dedicated to the cause of eliminating poverty housing. Since its founding in Americus, Ga., in 1976, Habitat has built more than 300,000 houses in nearly 100 countries, providing simple, decent and affordable shelter for more than 1 million people. Habitat homes are sold at no profit and purchased by low-income households through no-profit 0%-interest mortgages. The local Wichita Habitat for Humanity chapter, founded in 1986, has built 87 homes in the Sedgwick County area and will complete 14 in 2007. For more information, visit www.wichitahabitat.org.

About Pratt/Kiowa County Habitat Chapter

The Pratt/Kiowa County Habitat Chapter is an extension of Wichita Habitat for Humanity, Inc., formed to assist tornado-impacted families in Greensburg, Kansas. The chapter is led by an advisory board and committees, working through WHFH. Persons interested in involvement should contact Wichita Habitat for Humanity, Inc.

About Koch Nitrogen Company

Koch Nitrogen Company and its affiliates produce, distribute and globally market nitrogen fertilizers, including anhydrous ammonia, urea, nitric acid, UAN solutions, ammonium nitrate solution, ammonium polyphosphate and ammonium thiosulfate. The companies' fertilizer interests have the capability of producing about 8 million metric tons of nitrogen products annually. Koch Nitrogen is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc. The Koch Nitrogen plant in Dodge City employs about 40 people.

About Koch Industries, Inc.

Based In Wichita, Kan., privately held Koch Industries, Inc. owns a diverse group of companies involved in refining and chemicals; process and pollution control equipment and technologies; minerals and fertilizers; fibers and polymers; commodity and financial trading and services; and forest and consumer products. Koch companies have a presence in nearly 60 countries and employ about 80,000 people. With more than \$90 billion in revenues, Koch Industries is the largest private company in America according to Forbes magazine.

About South Central Community Foundation

South Central Community Foundation was incorporated in 1994 and began to work toward their mission of "Assuring a Bright Future for South Central Kansas". The Foundation is a seven-county community foundation and Kiowa County, of which Greensburg is the county seat, is one of those seven counties. The Foundation manages over 100 donor-created funds, assists donors, manages charitable dollars, gives grants, provides estate planning services, works with youth, and collaborates on community solutions.

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