

# Faith Builds Quarterly Update

## Greetings from the Habitat and Thrivent Partnership!

The Faith Builds Quarterly Update was created to help you stay on top of program milestones and connected to program staff throughout the year.

## Virtual Engagement

We are excited to share our second [Virtual Event Toolkit: Faith Builds Project Milestone Engagement Activity](#). This new resource includes important considerations and tips for best practices as you plan for and execute virtual events for your Faith Builds. The plug-and-play game plan laid out can be helpful for any event -- from groundbreaking to dedications to fundraising events and everything in between!

In addition, as you continue to navigate the virtual world, we hope that you will find these videos by Zoom helpful in navigating [breakout rooms](#) and [polling](#) features. Similarly, Microsoft has a video to help navigate [breakout rooms](#) in Teams.

We hope that this new resource and these tutorial videos will help you leverage virtual engagement and enhance your ability to create and deliver a captivating virtual event!

## Inspiring Impact

This quarter's Inspiring Impact story features the first-ever completed **Faith Builds Venture** project in Gaston County, North Carolina!

Habitat for Humanity of Gaston County and their local Thrivent partners provided an opportunity for their local church communities to engage in stud signing events as a part of their Faith Builds Venture project. This approach not only allowed for a diverse group of participants that might not traditionally volunteer on a Habitat build site, but also ensures that their new homeowner family will be enclosed in scripture and well wishes when they move into their new home later this year.



The local partnership team delivered 125 studs to eight partner churches (between 10 and 30 studs to each church) along with Sharpies, volunteer sign-in sheets, advocacy cards and partnership signage. Stud signing events were held by each church individually, and each church carefully determined where to host the event to ensure it could be carried out safely. After each stud signing event, Habitat staff stopped by the church to thank church leadership for participating and pick up the studs to be used during construction.

We want to hear your stories! Please [send us your most impactful stories](#) for a chance to be featured in a future Quarterly Update.

## Reporting Reminder

As you continue to work as a local partnership team to plan engagement opportunities for your Faith Builds, please submit regular [project status reports](#) to keep the Habitat and Thrivent Partnership team informed of events and progress. Utilize the Build Update field in the Build Progress section of the report to summarize your recent accomplishments and upcoming plans. Update the Church Engagement and Fundraising section as additional churches commit to partnering for your Faith Builds, and as you receive financial or gift in kind contributions.

## Resources Corner

The Habitat and Thrivent Resources page has recently been updated to include a new section of resources -- Partner Church Resources. The resources included in this section are available to be shared with your partner churches to help them get the word out about their Faith Builds involvement including a communication toolkit, bulletin insert, flyer, fundraising guide, and more. [Check it out!](#)

