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Oxford Bank & Euclid Insurance sponsor another home for Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity *Family of four moves into the home of their dreams*

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(Oak Brook, IL – January 19, 2018) – Not too long ago the Uwamahoro Family was living in a tent and struggling in their native eastern Africa. Home ownership in the United States seemed an impossible dream.

As of this month, Theo and Odette Uwamahoro and their two young daughters have a beautiful, newly constructed home in Aurora. Through their hard work, support from Oxford Bank & Trust and Euclid Insurance Services and coordination by the Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity, the family's dream was realized.

About 100 guests representing Oxford Bank, Euclid Insurance, Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity, numerous volunteer groups and other area business partners were on hand to dedicate the home. The keys to the home along with gifts like a new bible, quilts and more were presented to the family.

This is the fifth home made possible by Oxford and Euclid to deserving families working with Fox Valley Habitat.

George Colis of Oxford Bank & Trust and John Colis of Euclid Insurance Services said a sixth home will be forthcoming.

“This is what our country is all about,” said George Colis. “Our grandparents came here from another country; and we always appreciated how much courage that required.”

Theo Uwamahoro expressed his family's appreciation.

“We can't express how happy we are! There are no words! We appreciate everything you did and will continue on doing for other families in need of a home,” Uwamahoro said. “The dream we had of owning a place of our own to call home is coming true because of every one of you.”

Fox Valley Habitat is a Habitat for Humanity non-profit affiliate dedicated to the Fox Valley community. Its fundamental premise is to help others by providing a hand up, not a handout.

As an affiliate, the organization describes itself as a grass roots organization, independently operated to serve the local area community. While operating under the greater Habitat Covenant, we independently coordinate all aspects of Habitat home building in our area, including fundraising, building site selection, partner family selection and support, house construction, and mortgage servicing.

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