



## News Release:

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**Caption:** Pathfinder Bank and Oswego County Habitat for Humanity have partnered to provide a home for a family in the city of Oswego. The donated home, valued at \$35,000, is presently being renovated and will soon be ready for a new family. Shown pictured handing over the keys to the residence are from left to right: Maggie Glass, president of the Oswego County Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors; Buddy Stemple, Property Selection Committee, Oswego County Habitat for Humanity; and Ed Mervine, Esq., Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Pathfinder Bank.

### **Pathfinder Bank and Habitat Give Back to Oswego Community**

**OSWEGO, New York (March 1, 2010)** – Pathfinder Bank and Oswego County Habitat for Humanity have partnered to provide a home for a family in the city of Oswego, according to Edward Mervine, Esq., Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Pathfinder Bank.

Pathfinder Bank donated a home, valued at \$35,000 to the local Habit for Humanity organization.

“We are pleased to join with Habitat in making this donation,” said Mervine. “Habitat has been providing families with affordable housing for decades. For us, it was an opportunity to partner with a wonderful program and help give back to a community that has been supporting us for over 150 years.”



According to Maggie Glass, president of the Oswego County Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors, the donated home is being renovated by their committed volunteers, and will then be ready for a new family to move in.

“We are grateful for our vast group of volunteers that continue to show their support of Habitat, and also greatly appreciate Pathfinder Bank’s commitment to our organization and their advocacy within this community,” said Glass. “Pathfinder Bank’s donation will provide a family a new home, and also help revitalize that neighborhood.”

Oswego County HFH is a locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization. HFH works in partnership with people in need of building and renovating safe, decent, simple, affordable housing. When possible, the homes are sustainable, built with energy-efficiency in mind. The houses are then sold to those in need at no profit and with no interest charged.

Founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, Habitat for Humanity has since built more than 300,000 houses, sheltering more than 1.5 million people in over 90 countries.

Oswego County Habitat for Humanity is currently accepting applications for families in need of a Habitat Home. If your family, or a family you know, is in need of decent, affordable housing, and can provide proof of income, please call (315)751-HOME (4663) or visit [www.oswegohabitat.org](http://www.oswegohabitat.org).

Pathfinder Bank is a New York State chartered savings bank headquartered in Oswego, whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The Bank has seven full-service offices located in Oswego, Fulton, Mexico, Lacona, and Central Square.