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LOCAL VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERS HONORED
AT HABITAT DREAM BUILDERS' GALA IN SEPTEMBER

The non-profit will honor Construction Committee Co-Chairs, Mr. Dick Bedner and Mr. Dick Carr, as well as Mr. Tom Fik, and Carroll Engineering.

Watchung, NJ, July 16, 2019 – Extraordinary plans are underway to kick off this year's Dream Builders' Gala. Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity (RVHFH) is pleased to announce their honorees for the event: Dick Bedner, Dick Carr, Tom Fik, and Carroll Engineering. Each has given years of steadfast dedication to building homes and brighter tomorrows for low-income families in Hunterdon and Somerset Counties.

Co-Chairs of the Construction Committee, Dick Bedner and Dick Carr have dedicated years of volunteer service as former board members and on the weekly volunteer build crew. Mr. Carr began his tenure with RVHFH over 17 years ago. "Serving the families keeps me coming back each week. It's the joy of being part of a dedicated team that transforms the lives of partner families and gives them renewed hope for their children and a chance to live the American dream," Carr said. Dick Bedner started working with RVHFH 13 years ago. Both Mr. Carr and Mr. Bedner have built over 20 homes with partner homeowner families. "After working with the other volunteers, I realized what volunteering with Habitat for Humanity truly means. It is the continuing to work and form friendships with these dedicated people on a weekly basis that I find so rewarding," said Bedner.

Tom Fik, a civil engineer and Board Member, started volunteering his time with RVHFH over 24 years ago. Since then he has contributed engineering services with the firm, Carroll Engineering. Meg E. Helms, President of the Board of Directors stated, "We are so fortunate that Tom Fik has been a stalwart, long-term volunteer for over 24 years, 7 of those years on the Board. Tom is an excellent Board member, contributing in many ways to our strong team. Together with his firm, Carroll Engineering, they have worked on almost half of the homes we have built in the past 28 years. We are so grateful for their important, excellent, support, and look forward to many more years working with them in partnership."

The Dream Builders' Gala will take place on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at the Watchung Valley Golf Club in Watchung, NJ. The Gala is a celebration of how RVHFH staff, volunteers, funders, and community partners work together to build financial stability and build promising futures. The RVHFH volunteer-based Gala Committee selects honorees for their commitment to providing families with the opportunity to build homes, financial stability and better quality of lives.

The evening begins with cocktails, a unique auction collection, and a station-style dinner. Attendees will hear an inspiring partner homeowner share their journey towards financial stability, and the Str8up Band will perform throughout the event. For information and tickets, go to www.rvhabitat.org/gala.

Seeking to put God's love into action, Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity (RVHFH) brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. In 28 years, RVHFH has built 52 homes in Hunterdon and Somerset counties. The affiliate recently launched a Habitat ReStore, a store that sells gently used household goods to benefit the building of more homes, in Manville. To learn more or make a donation for local families building brighter futures and strong communities, visit www.rvhabitat.org or call 908-704-0016.

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