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At-Risk Youth Raise Walls & Hope for Local Family

BEND, Ore. October 16, 2013– The dream of home ownership is now a reality for one local family in Albany thanks to the nonprofit group First Story, Community Services Consortium’s YouthBuild program and local builder Hayden Homes. Luppela Sifuentez and her three daughters will raise the walls on their new home on Thursday, October 17 at 11:30 am. The home is located at 2035 Lehigh Way in Albany.

“Our partnership with YouthBuild allows us to build an affordable home while helping to transform the lives of young adults who have struggled and become disconnected from our community,” said Claire Duncan, Executive Director of First Story. “The YouthBuild program helps them discover their strengths and identify their challenges in a supportive environment that emphasizes positive outcomes. The students bring with them varied experiences with school, family and community, but they all have one thing in common: they are ready to learn.”

To qualify for the First Story home, Sifuentez went through a comprehensive interview and assessment process and was required to meet certain income guidelines. Sifuentez will purchase the home through a zero down payment and a zero interest 30-year home loan from First Story.

“First Story has done more for me and my family than give us a roof over our heads. First Story has restored my sense of dignity and my confidence that hard work and perseverance do make a difference,” said Sifuentez.

“We have an amazing opportunity to change the lives of these young people while changing the future for Luppela and her daughters,” said First Story Founder and CEO of Hayden Homes, Hayden Watson. “Hayden Homes remains focused on helping First Story get families like Luppela’s in safe, stable affordable homes.”

DATE: Thursday, October 17, 2013
TIME: 11:30am to 1:00pm
LOCATION: 2035 Lehigh Way, Albany, OR 97322
ADDITIONAL: Photo opportunities will be available on site

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About First Story

In 1998, builder Hayden Homes had a vision: to change lives through home ownership. That vision developed into First Story, a 501(c)(3) public non-profit, which is celebrating 15 years of service in 2013. First Story has served over 10,000 families through home construction, homeownership opportunities and community giving. Its mission is to

promote giving and inspire communities through the creation of home ownership opportunities and financial support. For more information visit: www.FirstStory.org

About YouthBuild

Community Services Consortium (CSC) YouthBuild is a comprehensive program designed to provide apprentice-like opportunities for at-risk young adults ages 16 to 24 years old. Learning takes place in both the classroom, where students earn their high school diplomas or GEDs, and in the field, where students gain construction skills and work experience. CSC YouthBuild is a six-month to two-year youth development program.

About Hayden Homes

Hayden Homes has been building homes and communities throughout the Pacific Northwest for more than two decades. Its vision is to provide the highest quality home for the lowest possible cost. The company is among the top 50 builders in the nation with communities in Oregon, Washington and Idaho
