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We Will Never Forget!

"The price of liberty is eternal vigilance." Thomas Jefferson

By Mark Schweiker

HARRISBURG - For those of us who faced the terrible impact of 9/11, it's hard to believe that enough time has passed that our college-age students were not alive on that day. It's critical we ensure that what happened that day is passed down through each generation.

After all, as a nation, we promised to Never Forget. We swore to Never Forget.

To that end, it's important to acknowledge the efforts of state lawmakers in Harrisburg, led by Gov. Josh Shapiro, for establishing an annual moment of silence in our schools on 9/11. It's my hope that all Pennsylvanians will pause that day, each year, in a moment of silence and quiet reflection, introspection or prayer. It's also a time when individuals collectively halt their activities to honor and remember the deceased, reflecting on the impacts of their lives on our own.

Special thanks must be given to the legislation's sponsor, state Rep. Jim Haddock, and the unanimous support of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. It also requires schools to provide programming for students about the events that day at Ground Zero, at the Pentagon and, of course, over the skies of western Pennsylvania when the United

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Warren County Habitat for Humanity Announces New Partner

By Brittany Powelson

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WARREN COUNTY - On Thursday, June 6th, as the heat wave approached, members of the Warren County Habitat for Humanity (Warren County Habitat) community gathered on a plot of land in Harmony Township to bless the beginning of construction on what will be the Chobot home. From a volunteer, to an employee, to a future Warren County Habitat Homeowner, Michael "Scrappy" Chobot has become a rare Habitat for Humanity trifecta! A few months back, Michael and his son, Matthew and his grandson, Dennis were officially selected to be Warren County Habitat's next Partner Family.

Early on, Warren County Habitat for Humanity was an all volunteer affiliate (up to 2010), but as we grew it became evident that we needed to hire employees to move the affiliate forward in growth. Ever since that time the Board of Directors has made it a policy that volunteers and employees of the affiliate would have the same opportunity to become a Partner Family as any other family in Warren County. The Warren County Habitat Board of Directors understands that, as a nonprofit, they could not pay their employees a high



Michael Chobot's family joined him in celebration as he broke ground on his new home.

enough wage to qualify for a mortgage from a bank or mortgage company, and wanted to be certain that our employees and volunteers were not treated differently because they were part of the Habitat family. While this could be interpreted by some as having the inside track towards a home, it was much more important for us to give everyone the opportunity for decent, affordable housing within Warren County. Accordingly, all Habitat employees and volunteers have been eligible to apply for, and to be selected for a Habitat home for over a decade.

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