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Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando Announces Two New Board Members

Orlando, Fla (June 11, 2018) – <u>Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando</u> is pleased to announce the appointment of two new board members, Bud Kirk with Rumberger, Kirk and Caldwell, and Paul Lartonoix with the University of Central Florida.

"Our Board of Directors is comprised of a dedicated team of community leaders committed to providing strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter for homeowners in Greater Orlando community," said Catherine Steck McManus, President and CEO of Habitat Greater Orlando. "We are excited to channel Bud and Paul's talent, expertise and energy into furthering our mission."

Bud Kirk, a Rumberger Kirk & Caldwell founder, concentrates his practice in the areas of product liability, commercial litigation and professional liability, representing local and national clients in law, accounting, real estate development and communications. Kirk's courtroom prowess has been recognized by *The National Law Journal and Florida Trend* magazine. He has also been named "Trial Lawyer of the Year" by the Central Florida Chapter of American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) and as a "Lawyer of the Year" by Best Lawyers in America. A member of the Product Liability Advisory Council, Defense Research Institute, Florida Defense Lawyers Association, American Board of Trial Advocates and the Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel, Kirk is also active in the community with the Four12 After School Outreach program for Howard Middle School and served on the board of directors for both WMFE and the University Club of Orlando. He continues to be active with both organizations.

Paul Lartonoix is the Assistant Vice President, Special Projects for the University of Central Florida, including UCF's Downtown Presence. Prior to his current role, he was an Assistant Dean at the College of Arts and Humanities and directed the School of Visual Arts and Design (SVAD), leading Architecture, Digital Media, Art and Photography. He previously served as the Executive Director of the Orlando Repertory Theatre (The REP). Lartonoix also serves on the Board of Directors for United Arts of Central Florida, Orlando Repertory Theatre, and the UCF Theatre Professional Advisory Board.

The 2017-2018 Habitat Greater Orlando Board of Directors are: Chairman, Karl Hodges of Concord Healthcare Development; Vice Chair, Rhonda Rhodes of Universal Orlando; Treasurer, Eric Schreck of Trustco Bank; Secretary, Janice Abrew-Coriano of Rosen Hotels & Resorts; At Large, Jeff Jennings of Jack Jennings & Sons; At Large, Latria Leak of Graham Leak Branding; At Large, Jason Schrago of Newmark Knight Frank; At Large, Keith Lovett, Home Wise Realty Group; Immediate Past Chair, Erin Gray of CNL Financial Group; Lennie Arnold of SM&E Inc.; Pete Barr, Jr., of &Barr; Jeff Bittenbinder of Ravago Americas; Jennifer Carroll of Tupperware Brands Corporation; Ginnette Childs of Akerman; Andrew Fisher of Fisher Law, P.A.; Doug Foreman of Fringe Benefit Plans; Vivian Gonzalez-Padilla of Steven Douglas Associates; Suresh Gupta of Park Square Homes; Frank Jameson of Wells Fargo; Scott Kimpel of PCL Construction Services, Inc.; Bud Kirk, Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell; Paul Lartonoix, University of Central Florida; Sean Marrero of Correct Craft; Rita McCauley of Grosvenor Services; Julie Watson, Community Volunteer; Herb Whitehouse of ABC Fine Wines & Spirits; and Gwen White of Loew's Hotels.

About Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando

Habitat Greater Orlando partners with sponsors, donors and volunteers to build affordable housing, revitalize neighborhoods and strengthen communities. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage, achieving the strength, stability and independence to build a better life for themselves and their families. Neighborhood Revitalization efforts are tailored to address the vision of residents who take on leadership roles in their community's renewal. Residents are empowered to revive their neighborhood through repairs, beautification projects, community cleanups and developing community partnerships to enhance their quality of life and to nurture their sustainability. Habitat Greater Orlando is one of approximately 2,100 U.S. affiliates of Habitat for Humanity International. To learn more about or donate to Habitat Greater Orlando, call 407-648-4567 or visit www.habitatorlando.org, like Habitat Greater Orlando on Facebook www.facebook.com/habitatorlando and follow us on Twitter @HabitatOrlando.