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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GREATER ORLANDO & OSCEOLA COUNTY EXPANDS EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Orlando, Fla. (August 28, 2019) – <u>Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County</u> is pleased to announce the appointment of Lucie Ghioto, AICP, as Vice President of Planning & Strategic Impact.

Ghioto will be responsible for the creation and implementation of strategies that increase the organization's community "footprint." She will oversee government relations and strategic partnerships, advocacy initiatives, strategic planning, and land acquisition and real estate management. She will also explore ways to use innovation in research and design to further Habitat Orlando & Osceola's mission.

"Lucie's more than 15 years of professional planning experience in Central Florida in both the public and private sectors, will be a great asset to Habitat Orlando & Osceola," said Catherine Steck McManus, President and CEO of Habitat Orlando & Osceola. "Her specialization in planning policy, urban design, redevelopment, land use analysis, and historic preservation will greatly benefit our quest to tackle the affordable housing crisis in Central Florida."

Ghioto is a Certified Planner with the American Planning Association. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from the University of Central and completed Masters coursework in Architectural History from the Savannah College of Art & Design, focusing her studies in urban planning.

An active member of the American Planning Association, Florida Chapter and American Institute of Certified Planners, Ghioto also serves as Chair of the City of Orlando Historic Preservation Board and sits on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committees for Orange County and the City of Kissimmee.

About Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County

Driven by a vision that everyone deserves a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County builds affordable housing, revitalizes neighborhoods and strengthens communities.

Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat Orlando & Osceola to build or improve a place they call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Working together by providing financial support, volunteering or becoming an advocate, everyone can help advance access to safe, decent and affordable homes. Help us make the #CostofHome something we all can afford.

Habitat Orlando & Osceola is one of Habitat for Humanity International's affiliates working in nearly 1,400 communities throughout the United States and in more than 70 counties. To learn more, visit habitatorlandoosceola.org, like us on Facebook/habitatorlandoosceola.org, and follow us on Twitter Twitter HabitatOrlosc.