

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Two local builders join Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County in five-day Builders Blitz**

**ORLANDO, Fla. (Feb. 1, 2021)** – Two affordable homes will be constructed in just five days this February thanks to a partnership between [Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County](#) and two local builders, Park Square Homes and Pulte Homes.

Habitat Orlando & Osceola's [Builders Blitz event](#) will kick-off with an opening ceremony on **Monday, Feb. 1, at 7:15 a.m.** and will conclude with a celebratory key ceremony for the two future homeowners on **Friday, Feb. 5, at 4 p.m.** The build site is located at Silver Pines Pointe in the Pine Hills area of Orlando, [5604 Bogie Court](#).

Due to COVID-19, Builders Blitz will be closed to the public. Mask usage is mandatory throughout the build site and social distancing will be encouraged. Both ceremonies will be available to watch virtually via Habitat Orlando & Osceola's Facebook page at [Facebook.com/HabitatOrlandoOsceola](https://www.facebook.com/HabitatOrlandoOsceola).

The two builders and their subcontractors will donate the building materials, supplies and hours of labor for the weeklong event, which will change the lives of two woman who will call Silver Pines Pointe home soon.

Silver Pines Pointe is Habitat Orlando & Osceola's fourth planned community, which will feature 58 homes upon its completion in 2022. The single-family homes will range from three to four bedrooms and will include energy efficient appliances.

"Builders Blitz best exemplifies the amazing feat that can be accomplished when members of our community work together," said Catherine Steck McManus, President and CEO of Habitat Orlando & Osceola. "Months of planning and preparation go into this event, which require significant support from our builders and their subcontractors, Orange County and Habitat staff. This partnership results in more than just two homes. By providing labor, funding and materials for these two homes, our two builders and their subcontractors help Habitat Orlando & Osceola have the capacity to aid even more Central Floridians in accessing safe, affordable homes."

### **Meet the Builders Blitz Homeowners**

#### **Hannah**

Hannah comes from a legacy of people who sacrificed everything so she could live the American Dream. She earned two college degrees and got a good job at UCF and knew the next step was to become a homeowner. But she was surprised to find she still couldn't qualify

for a home in the Central Florida market. She said Pulte Homes is not just building her walls. “The house that they’re helping me build represents so much more. It’s hope -- it’s a reward for the hard work you put in year after year. Not just me, but three generations worth of it.” [Read her full story on our blog. >>](#)

### **Minunga**

For future homeowner Minunga, owning her own home is the next step to freedom for herself. Despite her job with the State of Florida, Minunga needed to move back home with her mother about two years ago. She found the rental apartments and homes currently on the market to be unaffordable. “Here I am 43 years old, I work every day, how do I not have a home?” Minunga asked. Minunga looks forward to finally achieving her longtime dream of homeownership for herself. “Homeownership for me, means peace and stability,” Minunga said. “Just peace of mind.” [Read her full story on our blog. >>](#)

### ***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, repairs homes, 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 eventual homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Working together by donating, volunteering, or becoming an advocate, everyone can help members of their community live in safe, affordable homes.

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