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State Farm awards \$5,000 to Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County to help Build Affordable Housing

Orlando, FL (February 22, 2021) – <u>Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County</u> has been awarded \$5,000 from State Farm to use toward building and supporting affordable housing in the Central Florida area.

Habitat Orlando & Osceola works to increase access to affordable housing in the Central Florida area by providing ways for families to own safe, affordable homes, receive critical repairs to their otherwise affordable non-Habitat homes, and undertake homebuyer educational courses and mentorship.

According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, Central Florida is one of the worst areas in the nation when it comes to finding an affordable place to live, especially for low-income households. One in three Central Florida families pay more than 30% of their income on housing.

"We provide local people a hand up out of their tenuous housing situations and into the security of affordable homeownership," said Catherine Steck McManus, President and CEO of Habitat Orlando & Osceola. "The homeowners who work with us are better able to thrive once they are no longer forced between the impossible decision of paying an exorbitant rent or necessities like health care, food or transportation. This is especially critical as our community continues to deal with the insecurity brought on by these unprecedented times."

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.

Habitat Orlando & Osceola is one of Habitat for Humanity International's affiliates working in about 1,000 communities throughout the United States. To learn more, visit HabitatOrlandoOsceola.org, like us on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram.

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