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**Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County receives transformational \$5.75M gift from MacKenzie Scott**

*Local gift is part of \$436M distributed among Habitat for Humanity International and 84 affiliates to address affordable-housing crisis*

**ORLANDO, Fla. (March 22, 2022)** — [Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County](#) along with Habitat for Humanity International and 83 U.S. Habitat affiliates announces \$436 million in unrestricted giving from American author and philanthropist MacKenzie Scott. Habitat Orlando & Osceola received \$5.75 million of the total gift. This transformational donation supports the organization’s vision of a world where everyone has equitable access to a safe, stable and affordable place to call home.

“We are honored and deeply grateful to Ms. Scott,” said President & CEO Catherine Steck McManus. “This is the single largest donation that Habitat Orlando & Osceola has ever received. The gift will have an exponential impact on our community for generations. It will be a force multiplier as we find solutions to the wicked problem of affordable housing and advocate for fair-housing policies.”

Habitat Orlando & Osceola is evaluating the best use of the donation to address underlying issues related to affordable housing availability and policies.

Orlando’s housing prices continue to [break records](#) with the median home price reaching \$345,000 in February. With minimum wage in the state of Florida being \$10, it has made maintaining a living wage and accessing affordable housing out of reach for many.

**About Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County**

Driven by a vision that everyone deserves a safe, affordable place to live, Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County builds and repairs homes and strengthens communities. Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat Orlando & Osceola to build or improve places to call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Working together by donating, volunteering or becoming an advocate, everyone can help members of our community live in safe, affordable homes. Founded in 1986, Habitat Orlando & Osceola is one of Habitat for Humanity

International's 1,108 affiliates working in communities throughout the United States and in more than 70 countries. To learn more, visit [HabitatOrlandoOsceola.org](http://HabitatOrlandoOsceola.org).

### **About Habitat for Humanity International**

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity found its earliest inspirations as a grassroots movement on an interracial community farm in South Georgia. Since its founding in 1976, the Christian housing organization has grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in local communities across all 50 states in the U.S. and in more than 70 countries. Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, visit [habitat.org](http://habitat.org).

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