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## Welcoming a family 'Home for the Holidays' with Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County

**Orlando, Fla. (Dec. 9, 2022)** – <u>Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County</u> and <u>Williams Company</u> celebrated today, providing a local family with a safe, affordable home in which to build their futures. The new home is located in Orlando's Holden Heights community and was completed in only two weeks.

"Habitat Orlando & Osceola and our partners are helping to change the lives of those in our community and I'm grateful to the Williams Company for their support this holiday season.," said Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County President & CEO Catherine Steck McManus. "The affordable housing crisis is a complicated problem, and we are committed to working collaboratively to find solutions so that more families like Ebony's can succeed in their journey toward homeownership."

Home for the Holidays kicked off with an opening ceremony on Nov. 28 and concluded today with a closing ceremony. Williams Company and its subcontractors and vendors donated all the building materials, supplies and labor to make homeownership a reality for future Habitat Orlando & Osceola homeowner Ebony.

The holidays came early for Ebony as Habitat Orlando & Osceola and William's Company planned the perfect holiday surprise! As she opened the door to her new home, Ebony saw a decorated Christmas tree filled with gifts for her and her children.

"The look on Ebony and her children's faces when they entered their new home is why we continue to build homes with Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County," says Matt Olberding, Vice President of Operations for Williams Company. "We encourage other local businesses to join us in support of Habitat for Humanity's work to sustain a strong regional economy."

Habitat Orlando & Osceola will build 19 homes on lots in Holden Heights, five of which were donated by Orange County Government, over the next year and a half. The homes feature three floorplans, including two 3-bedroom and one 4-bedroom, and all homes are equipped with green-certified, energy-efficient appliances.

For high-res images and b-roll from today's event, click <u>here</u>. To view the event which was streamed live on Facebook, click <u>here</u>.

### 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 over 1,100 affiliates working in communities throughout the United States and in more than 70 countries. To learn more, visit <u>HabitatOrlandoOsceola.org</u>.

#### **About Williams Company**

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