

Habitat for Humanity FACE THE Greater Orlando & Osceola County HOUSING CRISIS"

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Bank of America donates to Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County to support safe, affordable housing

ORLANDO, Fla. (Dec. 15, 2023) – <u>Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County</u> announces a donation from <u>Bank of America</u> to help provide safe, affordable housing in Central Florida, as part of Bank of America's Global Build, an initiative between Bank of America and Habitat for Humanity to support affordable housing and revitalization projects in communities around the world. In addition to the donation, Bank of America team members spent the day building a house in Orlando's Pines Hills community. This house will not only embody the commitment of these two organizations to combat the affordable housing crisis, but it will serve as one Central Florida family's cherished home for years to come.

"As our region confronts an affordable housing crisis—made worse by inflation and supply chain challenges—partners like Bank of America are essential to achieving our mission," Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County President and CEO Catherine Steck McManus said. "Providing Central Floridians with affordable homes is one of the ways Habitat Orlando & Osceola continue to Face The Housing CrisisTM."

This isn't the first time these two organizations joined forces to strengthen the region. Following the devastating impact of Hurricane Ian, Bank of America donated funds to Habitat Orlando & Osceola's recovery and rebuilding efforts.

"The rising cost of living has made access to affordable housing for many further out of reach, underscoring the importance of safe, decent housing for an individual's overall well-being," says Jodie Hardman, Senior Vice President, Bank of America Central Florida. "Supporting efforts that help build pathways to stable homeownership will preserve and increase access to a mix of affordable housing options in Central Florida."

Nearly 30 local Bank of America team members joined Jodie to present the donation and volunteer on the build site. For high-res photos and videos of today's event, 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 strengthens communities by building and repairing homes, and counseling and educating homeowners and the public. Families and individuals partner with Habitat Orlando & Osceola to purchase homes with an affordable mortgage. Through Face the Housing Crisis[™] and the Cornerstone Housing[™] Framework, Habitat Orlando & Osceola is working with community partners to address the wicked problem of the affordable housing crisis in Central Florida and its detrimental effects on community priorities. Founded in 1986, Habitat Orlando & Osceola has built, rehabbed or repaired over 850 homes throughout Central Florida. The nonprofit has achieved recognition as one of the 40 "top producers" out of over 1,100 Habitat for Humanity International affiliates working in communities throughout the United States and in more than 70 countries and is a HUD-certified local Housing Counseling Agency. To learn more, visit <u>HabitatOrlando.org</u>.

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