Habitat for Humanity<sup>®</sup> Greater Orlando & Osceola County

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## Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County receives grant from Wells Fargo to expand access to affordable homes in Orlando

**ORLANDO, Fla. (Sept. 29, 2023)** – The Wells Fargo Foundation has awarded a grant to <u>Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County</u> to help bring safe, affordable housing options to the region. Habitat Orlando & Osceola is one of more than 230 Habitat for Humanity affiliates awarded grant funding nationwide through the 2023 Wells Fargo Builds program to help lower to moderate income families access affordable homes.

"As Central Florida confronts an affordable housing crisis—made worse by inflation and supply chain challenges— partners like Wells Fargo are essential to achieving our mission," said Catherine Steck McManus, Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County's president & CEO. "Partners such as Wells Fargo allow us to continue to Face The Housing Crisis<sup>TM</sup>."

The grant to Habitat Orlando & Osceola, along with the support of Wells Fargo volunteers, will help build a home for Mattie and Kermit. The couple who was forced to move after their rent increased 50% in one year will soon enjoy the relief of an affordable mortgage.

This funding is part of a \$7.5 million donation to Habitat for Humanity International through the 2023 <u>Wells Fargo Builds</u> program to build and repair more than 350 affordable homes nationwide.

## 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, educates 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 has built, rehabbed, or repaired over 800 homes throughout Central Florida. The nonprofit has achieved recognition as one of the 40 "top producers" out of over 1,100 affiliates working in communities throughout the United States and in more than 70 countries. To learn more, visit HabitatOrlando.org.