

FACE THE HOUSING CRISIS"



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Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County and the City of St. Cloud partner to offer free Roof Replacement Program

ORLANDO, Fla. (March 18, 2024) – <u>Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County</u> announces the launch of its Roof Replacement Program funded by the City of St. Cloud. This crucial initiative is designed to enhance the safety and resilience of homes in our community. Through the program, the local nonprofit will receive funding to provide roof replacements at no cost to eligible applicants, determined by income, type of home and location.

To ensure potential beneficiaries are well informed, Habitat Orlando & Osceola will host a <u>orientation</u> for interested residents on Tuesday, April 2, at 10 a.m. at Cannery Park, 901 Virginia Ave., St. Cloud.

"The cost of replacing a roof can be a barrier for many homeowners when it comes to properly insuring their homes" said Catherine Steck McManus, president and CEO of Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County. "Thank you to the City of St. Cloud for allowing us to expand our Roof Replacement Program, providing essential support to help homeowners stay in their homes and reduce property insurance costs."

Habitat Orlando & Osceola has operated its roof replacement program serving Orange County residents since 2021. The expansion of the Roof Replacement Program to an Osceola County city is a testament to the commitment of both organizations to Face the Housing Crisis™ and address rising property insurance rates.

"The City is pleased to be able to provide this funding through the federal Community Development Block Grant program, to help our local residents afford to replace the roofs on their homes," said Mayor Nathan Blackwell. "This program will help our residents enjoy the peace of mind of having a strong roof to keep their families and possessions protected."

To learn more, visit <u>HabitatOrlando.org/RoofSC</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 CrisisTM and the Cornerstone HousingTM 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 is a HUD-certified local Housing Counseling Agency. To learn more, visit HabitatOrlando.org.

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