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Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando Expands Service Area in Osceola County
Affiliate will now serve Greater Orlando and Osceola County

ORLANDO, Fla. (June 23, 2018) – [Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando](http://www.habitatorlando.org) is pleased to announce the expansion of their service area to encompass Osceola County effective immediately. [Habitat for Humanity International](http://www.habitatorlando.org), the global organization’s headquarters office based in Atlanta, recently awarded Habitat Greater Orlando the additional service area.

“We thank Habitat for Humanity International for entrusting us with this new area and look forward to partnering with residents and leaders in Osceola County to serve families and individuals in need of safe and affordable homes,” said Catherine Steck McManus, President and CEO, Habitat Greater Orlando. “Though Habitat Greater Orlando’s name is changing, our mission remains the same - reaching out with a hand up to our neighbors in need of safe and affordable housing. The great thing is, our hands now reach farther than our city limits to include our neighbors in Osceola County.”

Following Habitat for Humanity of Osceola County’s decision to disaffiliate from Habitat for Humanity, Habitat for Humanity International solicited proposals from other local Habitat organizations to continue serving low-income families in the region. Habitat for Humanity International selected Habitat Greater Orlando to expand its services to Osceola County based on their strong track record of success serving the Greater Orlando area for the last 32 years. Having constructed more than 340 homes, Habitat Greater Orlando has been a leader and strong voice for affordable housing in Central Florida and has been a champion of building homes in partnership with families seeking a better life.

“Habitat Greater Orlando is one of the nation’s leading affordable housing builders and advocates,” said Sue Henderson, Habitat for Humanity International’s Vice President, US and Canada. “We are excited that Habitat Greater Orlando will grow its mission to Osceola County. With this new expansion, Habitat will be able to continue partnering with families in the area to turn their dreams of owning safe, decent and affordable homes a reality.”

“We look forward to continuing to partner with homeowners, volunteers and leaders in Greater Orlando and we welcome our neighbors in Osceola County as they join us to address Central Florida’s critical affordable housing need,” McManus said.

To partner with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando & Osceola County, visit www.habitatorlando.org or call (407) 648-4567.

About Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando partners with sponsors, donors and volunteers to build affordable housing, revitalize neighborhoods and strengthen communities. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage, achieving the strength, stability and independence to build a better life for themselves and their families. Neighborhood

Revitalization efforts are tailored to address the vision of residents who take on leadership roles in their community's renewal. Residents are empowered to revive their neighborhood through repairs, beautification projects, community cleanups and developing community partnerships to enhance their quality of life and to nurture their sustainability. Habitat Greater Orlando is one of approximately 2,100 U.S. affiliates of Habitat for Humanity International. To learn more about Habitat Greater Orlando, call (407) 648-4567 or visit www.habitatorlando.org, like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/habitatorlando and follow us on Twitter [@HabitatOrlando](https://twitter.com/HabitatOrlando).

About Habitat for Humanity International

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 as a grassroots effort on a community farm in southern Georgia. The Christian housing organization has since 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.

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