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**Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County partners  
with Bank of America during National Volunteer Week**

**ORLANDO, Fla. (April 26, 2024)** – This National Volunteer Appreciation Week, [Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County](#) partnered with [Bank of America](#) to support affordable housing and revitalization projects in Orlando’s Holden Heights community. This ongoing partnership symbolizes the continuing commitment of these two organizations to Face The Housing Crisis™. Once complete, the brand-new house will be purchased by a Habitat homeowner providing them with a safe place to call home and an affordable mortgage.

“The housing crisis in Central Florida continues to impact countless families in Central Florida—the support of volunteers is crucial in addressing this pressing issue,” says Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County President and CEO Catherine Steck McManus. “Partners like Bank of America are essential to achieving our mission to Face The Housing Crisis.”

National Volunteer Appreciation Week, which runs April 21-27, isn’t the first time these two organizations have joined forces to address the housing crisis in Central Florida. For more than a decade, local Bank of America volunteers have donated their time and talent to help Habitat Orlando & Osceola build new affordable housing for Central Floridians, including following the devastation brought by Hurricane Ian.

“At Bank of America, we believe in the power of giving back to the communities where we live and work,” says Naveed Shujaat, President, Bank of America Central Florida. “Our commitment to service reflects our belief that everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to call home.”

About 25 local Bank of America team members volunteered on today’s build site. With the growing demand for affordable housing, Habitat Orlando & Osceola recognizes the efforts of those who contribute to its mission to provide more Central Floridians with a safe, affordable place to live. For high-res photos of today’s event, click [here](#).

**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 [HabitatOrlando.org](http://HabitatOrlando.org).

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