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Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County hosts Spanish version of First-Time Homebuyer Workshop every month

ORLANDO, Fla. (June 19, 2024) – [Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County](#) is now hosting a monthly free First-Time Homebuyer Workshop taught in Spanish for those looking to take the first step toward homeownership. The nonprofit expanded the service to include workshops presented in Spanish through a grant from Orange County Government. The next workshop is Saturday, June 22, and will cover essential topics including credit, down payment assistance programs, property titles, working with real estate agents and homeowners insurance.

Roughly 30% of the Hispanic or Latino population in Central Florida speaks English less than very well. And while homeownership rates for minority populations across America have made steady gains in recent years, a large homeownership gap persists. In Central Florida, 53% of the Hispanic or Latino population own their home, compared to 71% of the white, non-Hispanic or Latino population.

“We expanded this program to provide vital homeownership education to Spanish-speaking community members interested in buying a home,” Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County President and CEO Catherine Steck McManus said. “Language should not prevent someone from reaching their homeownership goals. We hope this service will help close the gap in our community’s Hispanic and Latino homeownership rates and provide resources and education to keep families in their affordable homes.”

The free HUD-certified workshop will be held at Habitat Orlando & Osceola Headquarters at 4116 Silver Star Road from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 22. Participants must be 18 years or older to attend and will receive a first-time homebuyer certificate, a prerequisite for qualifying for Orange County’s downpayment assistance program. The First-time Homebuyer Workshops are one of the ways Habitat Orlando & Osceola is facing the affordable housing crisis in Central Florida.

“I’m pleased to see Habitat Orlando & Osceola launch a Spanish version of their First-time Homebuyer workshop,” Orange County Mayor, Jerry L. Demings said. “This initiative not only expands accessibility but also strengthens our community by empowering more families with the knowledge and tools to achieve their dream of homeownership.”

To register for the workshop, click [here](#). To register for other First-time Homebuyer Workshops and Habitat U education courses, visit habitorlandoosceola.eventbrite.com

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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™ Initiative, 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 900 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.

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