

FACE THE HOUSING CRISIS"

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## Wesco partners with Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County to support home preservation

Critical program offers free education, home inspections and repairs

**ORLANDO, Fla. (Oct. 17, 2024)** — <u>Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County</u> is proud to continue its partnership with <u>Wesco</u>, a leading global supply chain solutions provider with a distribution center in Orlando. Wesco generously donated to support Habitat Orlando & Osceola's Home Preservation Program, a critical initiative providing essential education, inspections and repairs to ensure residents can stay in safe, affordable homes throughout and after hurricane season.

"Natural disasters such as hurricanes Milton and Helene have devastating effects on our community, and we must take preventative measures to ensure homes are as safe and secure as possible," said Chris Wolf, Wesco Chief Human Resources Officer and executive sponsor for Wesco Cares. "We encourage other organizations to support Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County in their mission to create and maintain affordable housing in our community."

The donation will directly support education and free wind mitigation and 4-point inspections for those who qualify. These inspections are vital in assessing the structural integrity and safety features of homes. In addition to the financial donation, Wesco's team members volunteered to help frame and sheath the walls on a Habitat home under construction in Orlando's Holden Heights on Oct. 17.

"We are incredibly grateful to Wesco for their continued generosity, commitment to and understanding of our mission," Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County President and CEO Catherine Steck McManus said. "Their contribution will significantly strengthen our Home Preservation Program that makes lasting impacts on the lives of homeowners and help create stronger, more resilient communities."

## 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<sup>TM</sup> and the Cornerstone Housing<sup>TM</sup> 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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