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## **Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County distributing resilience kits, supported by The Home Depot Foundation**

**ORLANDO, Fla. (Nov. 20, 2024)** – [Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County](#) is continuing to distribute 200 resilience kits at upcoming Disaster Preparedness, Home Insurance and Home Maintenance classes. The kits contain preparedness and maintenance items, including a first aid kit, tarp, solar charging power bank, basic tools, an emergency weather radio, shop vac and more. The kits were funded through Habitat for Humanity’s long-term disaster recovery program supported by The Home Depot Foundation.

Across the state, the need for long-term recovery is essential due to an extremely active hurricane season, including the recent mass devastations caused by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Residents are also continuing recovery efforts from Hurricane Ian that swept through the state two years ago. These and future storms highlight the crucial need for and importance of long-term disaster recovery efforts.

“As a Florida-grown nonprofit, we are no stranger to the lasting effects of natural disasters and the vital importance of preparedness,” said Catherine Steck McManus, president and CEO of Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County. “The generous grant from The Home Depot Foundation will enable us to continue our long-term disaster recovery efforts and help homeowners prepare for future storms. By equipping families with the resources and knowledge to fortify their homes, we not only help them weather the storms but also empower them to rebuild.”

In addition to the resilience kits, the long-term recovery grant from The Home Depot Foundation funds a staff member who oversees repairs; a construction vehicle; a drone for inspections of

roofs; along with tools, equipment and materials for new construction that will provide disasteraffected households with permanent, durable shelter designed to withstand future disasters, reducing the need for post-disaster rebuilding or displacement.

“The Foundation is committed to supporting communities impacted by natural disasters with long-term recovery,” said Sean Vissar, Manager of Strategic Programs and Partners for The Home Depot Foundation. “With the help of nonprofit partners like Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando and Osceola County, the Foundation is able to provide immediate support, resources and relief supplies to communities in need. Together, our work continues to strengthen our communities before, during and after natural disasters.”

This is the first year Habitat for Humanity has been named an official disaster recovery partner of The Home Depot Foundation, a strong supporter of Habitat’s disaster response efforts, providing disaster assistance in the past.

To register for the Dec. 4 home maintenance class, click [here](#). The first 60 attendees who meet certain eligibility requirements will be provided with a resilience kit at a later date. Habitat U classes are open to the public and free to attend. The class is open to the public and not limited to Habitat homeowners.

For high-resolution visuals of the first kit distributions, 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™ 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](http://HabitatOrlando.org).

### **About The Home Depot Foundation**

The Home Depot Foundation, the nonprofit arm of The Home Depot (NYSE: HD), works to improve the homes and lives of U.S. veterans, support communities impacted by natural disasters and train skilled tradespeople to fill the labor gap. Since 2011, the Foundation has invested more

than \$550 million in veteran causes and improved more than 65,000 veteran homes and facilities. The Foundation has pledged to invest \$750 million in veteran causes by 2030 and \$50 million in training the next generation of skilled tradespeople through the Path to Pro program by 2028. To learn more about The Home Depot Foundation visit [HomeDepotFoundation.org](https://www.HomeDepotFoundation.org) and follow us on [X](#) @HomeDepotFound and on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) @HomeDepotFoundation.

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