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**Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County breaks ground in
Kissimmee as part of
5th annual 'Home for the Holidays' build**

*The build with Williams Company marks the first home built by Habitat Orlando & Osceola in
Osceola County*

ORLANDO, Fla. (Nov. 8, 2024) – Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County is partnering with Williams Company to build safe, affordable homes for two local families ahead of the holidays. The first build, taking place in Kissimmee, kicked off on Nov. 8 with a ceremony and pouring of the foundation. This is the first official groundbreaking of an affordable home built by Habitat Orlando & Osceola in Osceola County. There will be a kickoff ceremony for the second build, in Orange County's Holden Heights community, on Dec. 2. The Home for the Holidays event will cap off with home dedication ceremonies for both builds on Dec. 13.

“Breaking ground for the first time in Kissimmee is another step toward our goal of making safe, affordable housing more accessible in our community,” said Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County President & CEO Catherine Steck McManus. “We are extremely grateful to the City of Kissimmee and Williams Company for their continued commitment to helping us Face The Housing Crisis.”

This is the fifth consecutive year that local builder Williams Company and its subcontractors and vendors will donate the materials, supplies and labor as part of the annual Home for the Holidays event. It's the first year that they are building two homes at once.

This year's homes will be purchased by two local families: Gloria and Francisco will purchase the Kissimmee home to live in with their three children. Stephanie will purchase the Orange County home to live with her son and granddaughter.

“We understand the wicked problem of affordable housing and the need to provide our services to both Orange and Osceola counties,” said Williams Company Vice President of Operations Matt Olberding. “We are proud to be a part of Habitat Orlando & Osceola’s mission for the last five years and exemplify the essence of people coming together to support one another, especially during the holidays.”

Learn more about Home for the Holidays, our builder and homeowners [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 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.

About Williams Company

Established in 1920, Williams Company is a 100% employee-owned company with a 104-year legacy of construction excellence. The company’s operating units include Williams Company Building Division, Williams Company Southeast, and Williams Company Tampa. Williams Company specializes in industrial, cold storage, education, retail, and multi-family projects and is currently licensed in 14 states from Texas to Maryland. For more information, visit www.williamsco.com.

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