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## Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County providing free major home repairs and roof replacements to qualified Orange County homeowners ahead of hurricane season

**ORLANDO, Fla.** (March. 17, 2025) – Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County announces the launch of additional home repair services in partnership with Orange County Government. These crucial initiatives, designed to help Orange County homeowners who have remaining damage from Hurricanes Ian and Nicole and enhance the stability and resilience of homes, focus on major home repairs and roof replacements.

Habitat Orlando & Osceola is accepting applicants who meet qualifications based on income, type of home, and location. Applicants are encouraged to apply on Habitat Orlando & Osceola's website.

"Having a stable and secure home is critical, especially in a region prone to severe hurricanes," said Catherine Steck McManus, president and CEO of Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County. "Major home repairs are still critically needed in response to hurricane damages. We are expanding our capacity to build affordable new homes and to preserve and repair existing homes."

This partnership between Habitat Orlando & Osceola and Orange County Government aims to make a meaningful impact on the lives of homeowners in Orange County and ensure that they are better prepared to face the challenges of upcoming hurricane seasons while also maintaining their homes.

"These critical home repair services not only enhance safety and comfort for families but also reflect our dedication to strengthening our community's resilience in the face of natural disasters," said Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings.

Orange County has worked in partnership with Habitat Orlando & Osceola to replace over 100 roofs since 2019.

The cost of replacing a roof or making other critical repairs after storm damage, and being able to properly insure their homes, can be impossible to manage for many homeowners. All of this contributes to the ongoing housing crisis in Central Florida. Adding services to its Home Preservation Program is another way Habitat Orlando & Osceola pioneers innovative housing solutions, empowers individuals through knowledge, and transforms communities by addressing the root causes of the housing crisis.

For more information about these services, visit HabitatOrlando.org/OCrepairs

## **About Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County**

Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County is driven by a vision where everyone has an affordable place to call home, a stable foundation that fosters health, opportunity, and progress for all. Habitat Orlando & Osceola pioneers innovative housing solutions, empowers individuals through knowledge, and transforms communities by addressing the root causes of the housing crisis. Founded in 1986, Habitat Orlando & Osceola has built, rehabbed or repaired over 900 homes throughout Central Florida. Through home builds, repairs, housing counseling, financial education classes, and other programming, Habitat Orlando & Osceola serves more than 1,500 people each year. 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. To learn more, visit HabitatOrlando.org.

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