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## **State Farm grant to help Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County build affordable housing**

**ORLANDO, Fla. (April 30, 2025)** – Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County announces a grant from State Farm that will help the nonprofit continue its mission of creating stable, affordable housing in Central Florida.

Money from the grant will go toward purchasing building materials and supplies to build new construction homes. The grant helps Habitat homeowners like Rickie achieve their goals of purchasing stable places for their families to live and thrive for generations.

Rickie, a grandfather approaching retirement, recently closed on his Habitat home. He said becoming a homeowner is an investment in his family's future.

"I have to pinch myself several times pulling up to the house and have sat outside the door in tears of fulfillment," Rickie said. "From an emotional standpoint, it's satisfying. Financially, the investment into my grandchildren's future is empowering."

State Farm and Habitat Orlando & Osceola have a long history of collaboration, including State Farm providing grants to increase hurricane preparedness efforts in our community. And last week, eight members of the State Farm team volunteered on our build site helping to install siding on a Habitat home under construction.

"Together, Habitat Orlando & Osceola and State Farm are working to increase the stability and resiliency of homes in our community," said Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County President & CEO Catherine Steck McManus. "We know that affordable and stable housing is not just about shelter—it's the foundation for thriving individuals, families, and communities."

See photos of homeowner Rickie and State Farm's build day [here](#).

### **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](http://HabitatOrlando.org).

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