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**Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County partners
with Orange County to provide free roof replacements**

ORLANDO, Fla. (March 6, 2026) – Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County is proud to partner with Orange County Government to provide free roof replacements this year. This crucial initiative is designed to help Orange County homeowners enhance the stability and resilience of their homes.

Habitat Orlando & Osceola is now accepting applications from those who meet program eligibility requirements, including (but not limited to) income guidelines, home type, and location. Interested homeowners are encouraged to apply on Habitat Orlando & Osceola's [website](#).

“Addressing the housing crisis requires more than just building new affordable homes. It requires helping existing homeowners stay in their already affordable homes,” said Catherine Steck McManus, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County. “By partnering with Orange County Government to help homeowners replace their roofs for free, we’re able to preserve existing affordable housing in our community.”

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 improve our community's resiliency.

“Safe, stable housing is the foundation of strong families and resilient neighborhoods,” said Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings. “By partnering with Habitat Orlando & Osceola, Orange County is helping homeowners remain safely in their homes, protecting affordable housing and strengthening our community for the long term.”

Orange County has worked in partnership with Habitat Orlando & Osceola to replace over 180 roofs since 2019.

"We're just so very grateful and very pleased and blessed to have that done," said 2024 roof replacement recipient, Ginny Manzella. "Now we don't have to worry about the roof."

For many homeowners, the cost of replacing their roof is financially out of reach. But having an old or damaged roof can also make home insurance hard to find or cost-prohibitive to maintain. This cycle contributes to the ongoing housing crisis in Central Florida. Continuing to invest in its

Home Preservation Program is one of many ways Habitat Orlando & Osceola pioneers innovative housing solutions and transforms communities to address the root causes of the housing crisis.

For more information about these services, visit HabitatOrlando.org/FreeRoof. For photos and b-roll to use in your coverage, [click 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 2,300 people each year. The nonprofit has achieved recognition as one of the 40 “top producers” out of over 900 Habitat for Humanity International affiliates working in communities throughout the United States and in more than 60 countries. To learn more, visit HabitatOrlando.org.

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