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Habitat Orlando & Osceola celebrates longtime volunteer's 25 years of service, issues call for additional skilled volunteers

ORLANDO, Fla. (June 10, 2026) – [Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County](#) celebrated the nonprofit's longest serving volunteer on Monday by debuting the very first Habitat home built using a new floorplan named in his honor.

Bill Droste has served as a volunteer crew leader helping construct Habitat homes for more than 25 years. Crew leaders are skilled volunteers who come to the build site regularly to guide less experienced volunteers. Over the last quarter century, Droste has spent over 1,000 days – 6,000 hours – helping to build brand new, affordable Habitat homes in Central Florida. "Habitat became a habit," Droste said.

During Monday's event in Orange County's Holden Heights neighborhood, Habitat Orlando & Osceola cut the ribbon on the first completed home built with the floorplan named "The Droste" after him. The floorplan will continue to be used for additional affordable homes in Orange and Osceola counties.

"Our homeowners experience the true impact of the time and talent crew leader Bill Droste has poured into supporting our mission in the places they call home every day," said Catherine Steck McManus, President & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County. "He has devoted thousands of hours to helping build stable, affordable homes for local families, and we are proud to honor his ongoing dedication and lasting legacy in a permanent way."

Habitat Orlando & Osceola is always looking for additional volunteer crew leaders to join the nonprofit's team. A Habitat crew leader doesn't have to have professional experience in building or construction, but familiarity with tools and building materials is strongly preferred. The next virtual Crew Leader Info Session is Thursday, June 11, at noon. For more information, including how to register, [click here](#).

For those interested in applying to purchase a Habitat home with an affordable mortgage, there are two upcoming Homeownership Program Orientations coming up on June 12 (in-person) and June 24 (virtual). More information is available [here](#).

For high-res photos of Monday's ribbon-cutting event, [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 2,000 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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