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**Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County
celebrates lasting impact in Parramore with groundbreaking event**

ORLANDO, Fla. (Aug. 7, 2026) – [Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County](#) celebrated the nonprofit's lasting impact in Orlando's historic Parramore community on Friday by hosting a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of construction on two new affordable homes.

Habitat Orlando & Osceola President & CEO Catherine Steck McManus and Board Chair Robert Stuart Jr. were joined by District 5 City Commissioner Shan Rose to ceremoniously break ground on the homes in Parramore, which will be sold to local families with affordable mortgages.

“At Habitat Orlando & Osceola, we know housing is the cornerstone of community progress, and we’re thrilled to celebrate the impact we’ve made in Parramore,” McManus said. “In partnership with the City of Orlando, we’re excited to continue investing in the future success of this historic community.”

Since its founding 40 years ago, Habitat Orlando & Osceola has built more than 70 homes in Parramore – including 10 last year. The nonprofit was honored in May with [a Golden Brick Award by the Downtown Orlando Partnership](#) in the Sustainability & Resiliency category for this work showing how thoughtful housing investment creates lasting impact.

The City of Orlando has been a steadfast partner of Habitat Orlando & Osceola, providing grant funds through their Community Investment Program, as well as providing down payment assistance to many Habitat homebuyers.

That impact of this partnership reflected in our homeowners' stories. They are bankers, teachers and bus drivers. Each of them now with a stable, affordable foundation to build their futures and build up their community.

Anyone interested in reaching their housing goals – whether it is homeownership, financial preparedness, or home repairs – is invited to use our new [Housing Path Finder tool](#). By

answering a few quick questions, the tool will match participants to the Habitat Orlando & Osceola service that will best help them reach their goals.

See high-res photos of the ceremony [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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