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**Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County partners
with Publix Super Markets Charities to celebrate new homeowner
at ribbon-cutting ceremony**

ORLANDO, Fla. (SEPT. 18, 2026) – [Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County](#) celebrated one of its newest homeowners in Orange County by hosting a ribbon cutting and home dedication ceremony in partnership with [Publix Super Markets Charities](#) on Friday.

Leaders from Habitat Orlando & Osceola and Publix Charities joined the homeowner, Necach, as they cut the ribbon on his home, which was sponsored by Publix Charities.

“Affordable and stable housing is not just about shelter—it’s the foundation for thriving individuals, families, and communities,” said Catherine Steck McManus, president & CEO, Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County. “We are grateful for the support of our partners like Publix Super Markets Charities that help us make homeownership a possibility for more of our neighbors in Central Florida.”

The event marked the culmination of Necach's homeownership journey and recognized Publix Charities’ longstanding support of Habitat Orlando & Osceola over the past 25-plus years to pioneer housing solutions in Central Florida.

“We’re proud to continue our decades-long support of Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County by sponsoring this brand new, affordable home in our community,” said Publix Super Markets Charities Executive Director John Doran. “Through this work, we’re continuing Publix founder George Jenkins’ legacy of doing good, together.”

Homeowner Necach, who works as a nurse, said closing on the purchase of his home with an affordable mortgage marked a milestone in providing a foundation for his future. Every day, Habitat Orlando & Osceola partners with Central Floridians like Necach who are the backbone of our economy – nurses, teachers, mail carriers and firefighters – but struggle to find affordable housing.

“I’ll keep working hard to maintain this home, adding personal touches over time,” Necach said. “This new responsibility gives me a real sense of drive to keep working toward my goals.”

Anyone interested in reaching their 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.

For images and b-roll from today's ribbon-cutting ceremony, [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 1,000 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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