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**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ORLANDO PARTICIPATES IN
WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA'S SUMMER STIMULUS PROGRAM**

ORLANDO, Fla. – Habitat for Humanity Orlando recently hired nine Central Florida teenagers as part of the WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA (WCF) Summer Job Connection – a program supported by more than \$4 million in federal stimulus dollars. The workers are split among the organization's main office in Orlando, helping to build Staghorn Villas, a 58-townhome community; and assisting at the ReStore, Habitat's retail outlet.

The WCF Summer Job Connection program provides employment opportunities for 1,200 area young adults. Participants earn \$8 an hour, and most will work up to 35 hours a week for six weeks.

"Because of the economy, many older and more experienced workers are taking lower-level positions – jobs that previously went to teenagers," said Dee Danmeyer, executive director for Habitat for Humanity Orlando. "This program helps them get on the job training for future employment and gain important experience to make them more hireable. Habitat Orlando is proud to support this program – and, in turn, receive much-needed support in our office, ReStore and at Staghorn Villas."

About Habitat for Humanity Orlando

Habitat for Humanity Orlando is a not-for-profit, ecumenical, Christian organization dedicated to transforming the lives of low-income, hardworking families through the American Dream of homeownership. Habitat Orlando is one of approximately 2,100 local affiliates of Habitat for Humanity International. Support from sponsors, donors and volunteers directly benefits the Central Florida community. To learn more about Habitat for Humanity Orlando or to make a donation, call (407) 648-4567 or visit www.habitat-orlando.org.

About WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA

WORKFORCE CENTRAL FLORIDA (WCF) is the region's workforce expert, helping more than 4,000 employers connect with more than 47,000 job seekers. WCF offers innovative solutions to assist Central Florida businesses succeed in today's highly competitive workforce, while providing the tools job seekers need to find or advance in their current career. For more information, visit WCF online at www.WorkforceCentralFlorida.com.

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