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Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando celebrated Mother's Day weekend with one special Central Florida family

Orlando, FL (May 17, 2017) – [Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando](#) celebrated Mother's Day weekend with a Celebration of Women Build event on May 13, 2017 at the Butler's Preserve community, which will feature 59 homes upon completion later this fall. In partnership with Lowe's, attendees participated in DIY clinics and demonstrations from local vendors in the Orlando community, and registered Women Build teams used the skills they learned from the DIY clinics to help build.

"Each year, Lowe's provides the support of employee volunteers, Lowe's Heroes, and conducts how-to clinics to teach volunteers construction skills so they can feel equipped to take part in the builds," shared Candace Hartley, Store Manager at Lowe's Home Improvement.

During the week of March 6-11, 2017, volunteers came together to begin building a home for Latrina; a dedicated mother of five currently living in a two-bedroom apartment with her three youngest daughters. Women Build volunteers were excited to work alongside Latrina and hear her journey. At the Celebration of Women event on May 13, 2017, alongside WFTV Channel 9 news anchor Vanessa Echols, Latrina helped with the finishing touches – putting up the house numbers that will welcome her home each and every day.

"Habitat Greater Orlando, Lowe's and Women Build are a blessing to me. I can't believe I am on the journey of homeownership and I look forward to purchasing my home this summer!" shared Latrina, 2017 Habitat Greater Orlando's Women Build homeowner.

Since starting Women Build in Orlando in 2009, more than 1,500 women have volunteered 12,500 hours and raised nearly \$700,000 to serve families in need. Sponsors for this year's event include Lowe's, Rosen Hotels & Resorts, PCL Construction, Appleton Creative, CNL Financial Group, James Hardie, National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC), Orlando Health, Paverscape, Inc., Peace United Method Church, UCF Athletics, and White's Site Development, Inc.

"Each year we look forward to Women Build and are overwhelmed by the support we receive from Lowes, our sponsors, and volunteers. The power of women working together in our community is incredible." shared Catherine Steck McManus, President and CEO of Habitat Greater Orlando.

To learn how you can get involved with Habitat Greater Orlando's annual Women Build event, visit habitat-orlando.org/womenbuild.

About Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando

Habitat Greater Orlando partners with people in the community to build or improve homes. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers, and pay an affordable mortgage. The program assists Habitat homeowners to achieve the strength, stability and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and for their families.

Habitat Greater Orlando is one of approximately 2,100 affiliates of Habitat for Humanity International. Support from sponsors, donors and volunteers directly benefit the Central Florida community. To learn more about Habitat Greater Orlando or to make a donation, call 407-648-4567 or visit habitat-orlando.org. Like Habitat Greater Orlando on Facebook facebook.com/habitorlando and follow on Twitter [@HabitatOrlando](https://twitter.com/HabitatOrlando).

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