HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER ORLANDO AREA CONCLUDES F.U.N. PROJECT IN WASHINGTON SHORES

ORLANDO, Fla. (August 27, 2014) – Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando Area, in partnership with Orange County's Neighborhood Preservation and Revitalization Division, recently concluded its “Fixing Up the Neighborhood” (F.U.N.) project in the Washington Shores community.

In the past month, more than 300 volunteers logged 1,800 hours to help paint the exterior of 27 homes in Washington Shores – 90 percent of which belong to seniors or disabled residents.

“For aging homeowners who can’t keep up with the maintenance of their home, we’re able to come in, provide much-needed makeovers, and simultaneously help reinstill a sense of pride about the neighborhood,” said Diane DiFebbo, board chair of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando and principal at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. “In the next five years, Habitat Greater Orlando is expected to help 300 families through similar housing initiatives.”

The F.U.N. project is part of Habitat Greater Orlando’s Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative, which beautifies homes in various communities.

“Habitat Greater Orlando’s reach and impact are so deep, that it only made sense to partner,” said Tabitha Wood, neighborhood coordinator for Orange County. “We look forward to future projects together and the positive outcome that is sure to occur in Washington Shores.”

Washington Shores is also the location of Habitat Greater Orlando’s Butler’s Preserve. Construction is slated to start January 2015.

About Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando Area
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando Area 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.

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