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## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER ORLANDO AREA'S NEW RESTORE OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY**

**ORLANDO, Fla.** (January 29, 2014) – Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando Area ReStore recently opened its third Central Florida retail facility. On opening day, nearly 350 patrons visited the 24,000 square-foot store, which is located at 1649 Florida Mall Blvd. in South Orlando. The Habitat ReStore offers gently used household goods and building materials, including home décor, appliances, furniture and hardware.

“As the largest of our existing ReStores, we anticipate a high volume of traffic,” said Tom May, director of retail operations for all three Habitat of Greater Orlando ReStores. “Since proceeds directly benefit Habitat’s mission, the result is more funding for building homes for deserving families in the Orlando area.”

Similar to how Habitat depends on volunteers to participate in homebuilding, the ReStore relies heavily on support from the community for day-to-day functions. Last year, more than 1,000 people volunteered. The new facility is expected to need nearly 50 volunteers on a weekly basis – more than double from the year prior.

Winter Park-based HGR Construction donated material and time to construct the building. In addition, longtime volunteers like Shawn Heraty didn’t hesitate to pick up a brush and take care of all painting – inside and out.

“Volunteering is more than just work for me,” said Heraty. “Every effort I make helps a family get closer to owning a home – and that’s all the satisfaction I need.”

The Habitat ReStore accepts both individual and corporate donations. They can be made directly to the store or scheduled for pick-up at no charge. For more information, visit [www.orlandoestore.org](http://www.orlandoestore.org) or call the donor hotline at (407) 426-7859.

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### **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 of Greater 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](http://www.habitat-orlando.org).*

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