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## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER ORLANDO AREA RECEIVES \$40,000 GRANT FROM BANK OF AMERICA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

**ORLANDO, Fla.** (October 2, 2014) – [Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando Area](#) was recently presented with a \$40,000 Community Development grant from the [Bank of America Charitable Foundation](#). The award supports local efforts to address issues related to affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization, areas vital to helping people build better financial lives.

Habitat Greater Orlando will use the grant to fund construction of the first home at Butler's Preserve in Washington Shores. The Habitat neighborhood will feature 59 affordable homes (51 single homes and four duplex units).

"Bank of America has been a supportive and generous partner for years," said Diane DiFebbo, board chair of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando Area and principal at CliftonLarsonAllen. "Whether through financial contributions or volunteer hours on the build site, they truly understand the importance of our work in the community."

Last year, the [Bank of America Charitable Foundation](#) also presented Habitat Greater Orlando with another \$40,000 grant to fund the infrastructure development of Butler's Preserve.

"At Bank of America, we're committed to helping our communities thrive," said Steven Alch, Orlando market president for Bank of America. "But we're only one piece of the puzzle. It will take the support of many local organizations to help Habitat Greater Orlando make homeownership a reality for 59 families."

Butler's Preserve is named after Mable Butler, former District 6 Orange County commissioner and longtime advocate for affordable housing. The first phase of construction is slated to start in January 2015.

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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 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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