



**Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando  
Hosts Inaugural “Cornerstone Guild” Recognition Event  
Kicks Off 30th Anniversary Milestone**

**Orlando, Fla (April 7, 2016)** – [Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando](http://www.habitat-orlando.org) recently hosted its inaugural “Cornerstone Guild” Recognition Breakfast at The Country Club of Orlando. The event – which also kicked off the organization’s 30th anniversary – was dedicated to both individuals and businesses that go above and beyond to financially support the mission of Habitat Greater Orlando. Through community partnerships, the nonprofit is able to build and improve homes alongside Habitat homeowners.

“The need for affordable housing in Orlando is significant, and thanks to our Cornerstone Guild members, we are able to build homes, provide zero interest mortgages, and educate and empower our homeowners so they have the self-reliance to build a better life for themselves and their families,” said Catherine Steck McManus. “We’re so privileged that we were able to celebrate the generosity of our donors.”

During the event, Habitat Greater Orlando recognized Rosen Hotels & Resorts as the recipient of the “Walter Pharr Legacy Award” – the highest honor for the Cornerstone Guild. The award is named after founding member Walter Pharr, who helped establish the Orlando affiliate of Habitat for Humanity in 1986.

“Receiving this award is a tremendous honor for the entire Rosen Hotels & Resorts team,” said Harris Rosen, President and COO. “As a core part of our culture, we truly believe in the value of community involvement and development.”

Rosen Hotels & Resorts is a longtime supporter of Habitat Greater Orlando. Over the years, the organization has contributed thousands of volunteer hours, as well as more than \$2.5 million in donations.

“Our Cornerstone Guild event was just the beginning of our 30th anniversary celebration,” added McManus. “We’re looking forward to sharing different ways our community can join us to commemorate this milestone.”

Event sponsors for the Cornerstone Guild Recognition Breakfast included Jack Jennings and Sons, PCL Construction and the *Orlando Business Journal*. For more information about Habitat Greater Orlando’s Cornerstone Guild, visit [www.habitat-orlando.org/cornerstoneguild](http://www.habitat-orlando.org/cornerstoneguild).

***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 local 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*

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