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**Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando and Publix Super Markets Charities
Partner for a Day of Raising Walls and Building Futures**

Orlando, Fla (February 7, 2017) – [Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando](http://www.habitat-orlando.org) in partnership with Publix Super Markets Charities will host a volunteer build day on February 11, 2017 at 8:00am at the Butler's Preserve community, which will feature 59 homes upon completion in mid-2017. Publix associates will join Habitat Greater Orlando for a day of raising walls and building futures. This day will also celebrate the 300th home built during Habitat Greater Orlando's 30th year. A Habitat home provides a strong foundation for a family – an opportunity on which they can build a better life.

"Strong and stable homes help build strong and stable communities. We witness this every day through the support from our volunteers, advocates, and donors like Publix Super Markets Charities. Together, we are able to provide affordable homeownership because everyone deserves a place to call home," shared Catherine Steck McManus, President and CEO of Habitat Greater Orlando.

Publix Super Markets Charities has been a long-time supporter of Habitat for Humanity affiliates across the United States. In December 2016, Publix Super Markets Charities announced that they would donate \$5.5 million to Habitat for Humanity affiliates across the Southeast. The donation will provide funding to over 120 Habitat affiliates and build more than 60 new houses this year. Habitat Greater Orlando was among the 21 Florida affiliates that will receive this generous funding.

The Foundation is committed to meeting the basic needs of the communities it serves through additional financial support for housing. With the partnership, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build a better life for themselves and their families. Publix Super Markets Charities commitment and dedication show that it's more than a house; it's where the heart is.

"We are so very proud to carry on the legacy of our founder, George Jenkins. His heart was in the business of serving others and we are honored to align ourselves with such a reputable organization that understands the issues of housing and how improving this sector of the community enriches the lives of individuals and their families," shared Dwaine Stevens, Media and Community Relations Manager for Publix Super Markets.

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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