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Habitat Young Professionals of Greater Palm Beach County Gear Up for Amazing Year Ahead with New Leadership Team

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL- (September 18, 2024) The Habitat Young Professionals (HYP) of Greater Palm Beach County are gearing up for an exciting 2024 – 2025 season with a new leadership team and a new signature event. HYP is set to surpass its previous achievements and continue making a significant impact in the community.

Last year, the Habitat Young Professionals made remarkable strides in their mission to support Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County, raising more than \$66,000. The group of local leaders also hosted 65 volunteers who contributed over 300 service hours to the organization's cause. HYP has attracted a growing pool of members, now boasting 50 active members and counting.

The new HYP board is enthusiastic about building on this momentum, with plans to launch new initiatives, engage with the community, and create even more opportunities for members to get involved. Leading the charge is the newly appointed HYP President, Rahul Sudhakar, who brings a passionate vision to the team.

"I was inspired to join the Habitat for Humanity mission because I believe that everyone deserves a safe, stable place to call home. The chance to be part of a community-driven effort to build hope and improve lives deeply resonates with my passion for making a meaningful, lasting impact in the world," said HYP President, Rahul Sudhakar.

The 2024-2025 Habitat Young Professionals Board includes Vice President: Robert Walters; Treasurer: Chelsea Ross; Secretary: Samantha Meltzer; Social Media Chair: Lilit Babaian; Events Co-Chairs: Thomas Mercadante and Brian Ramsey; Membership Co-Chairs: Kara Fuller and Tyler Lilly; Gala Chair: Erin Moye; and Corporate Outreach Co-Chairs: Nikolas Bussey and Nadege Barthelmy.

HYP invites you to their first event of the season, the "HOUSE Party" on Friday, November 15 at Northwood Arts and Music. All ages are welcome at this mini music festival that builds homes, communities, and HOPE! Tickets start at \$25 and sponsorships are available.

As the Habitat Young Professionals kick off an impactful year, they invite individuals who are passionate about giving back and making a difference to join their cause. Becoming a member of HYP provides a unique opportunity to network, develop leadership skills, and contribute to a mission that directly impacts families and individuals in need of safe, affordable housing.

To learn more about becoming a member, upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, visit <https://habitatgreaterpbc.org/young-professionals-3/>

Habitat Young Professionals of Greater Palm Beach County:

The Habitat Young Professionals of Greater Palm Beach County are a network of young industry and local community leaders (ages 21-45), committed to making a positive impact throughout Palm Beach County. Together they leverage their skills to further the mission of Habitat for Humanity – creating a world where everyone has a safe and affordable place to call home.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County:

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County is a 501©(3) organization and an affiliate of a global nonprofit, Habitat for Humanity International. Our mission is to bring people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Since 1986, we have built 434 new homes, revitalized 757 existing homes, and partnered with over 1,190 households in need of safe, decent, and affordable housing in Palm Beach County. Habitat homeowners apply to qualify for the program, then help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering, and shopping or donating to any of our five ReStore-Thrift Store & Donation centers, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower. To discover more, visit www.habitatgreaterpbc.org and follow us online at @HabitatGPBC.

For any inquiries, contact Kristen Bardin, Director of Advancement, at kristen.bardin@habitatgreaterpbc.org.

Photos attached by Capehart Photography:

1. Rahul Sudhakar, new HYP president
2. Nikolas Bussey, Chelsea Ross, Robert Walters, Samantha Meltzer, Kara Fuller, Rahul Sudhakar, Erin Moye, Brian Ramsey * *not in photo: Nadege Barthelmy, Thomas Mercadante, Tyler Lilly, and Lilit Babaian.*

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