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Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County

Celebrated Carter Family Home Dedication in Lake Worth Beach

Homeowner Surprised with Fully Furnished Home

LAKE WORTH BEACH, FL (October 28, 2024) Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County (Habitat GPBC) hosted a heartfelt dedication ceremony for the Carter family's new home on October 17, 2024, in Lake Worth Beach. The home was generously sponsored by The Breakers Palm Beach and built on land donated by the Lake Worth Beach CRA, and the City of Lake Worth Beach, in partnership with Women Build 2024 co-chairs and committee, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters.

Rebecca (Becca) and her daughter celebrated becoming first-time homebuyers with family, friends, and community supporters. Before applying to Habitat's Homeownership Program, Becca, a single mom, who works in marketing sales and customer service, worked with the local nonprofit, Hearts for Moms to prepare for homeownership. At Women Build 2024, she learned she had been accepted into Habitat's program, putting her on the path to her dream. Becca is overjoyed to have secured a safe, stable, and affordable home in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. She and her daughter look forward to the many memories they will create together in their new home.

The Breakers Palm Beach, the home sponsor, played a vital role in making the Carter Family's homeownership dreams come true. In addition to helping fund the construction of the house, Breakers' employees volunteered their time on the job site to help build Becca's home.

"The Breakers believes in the power of community and the importance of giving back," shared Paul N. Leone, CEO of The Breakers. "Through our partnership with Habitat for Humanity, we are honored to make a tangible, lasting impact by helping build homes and secure brighter futures for families in need. This local initiative reflects our deep-rooted commitment to service, and our

entire team remains dedicated to making meaningful differences in the communities we call home," he continued.

The celebration became even more memorable when Rebecca opened the door to her new Habitat home and discovered it had been fully furnished and decorated. Thanks to the generous support of iThink Community Foundation, whose team worked behind the scenes to prepare the surprise and attended the event, Rebecca and her daughter received a warm welcome into a beautifully furnished, move-in ready space designed just for them.

Stephen Johnson, AVP of Administration and Marketing at iTHINK Financial stated, "Our partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County exemplifies the mission of the iTHINK Community Foundation of improving the lives of children and families in the communities we serve. We were honored and took pride in decorating and furnishing the house to transform it into a warm, welcoming space for the Building Up selected family. Together, we're building a brighter future, one home at a time."

Jennifer Thomason, CEO/President of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County, expressed deep gratitude for the sponsors, community partners, donors, and volunteers who made the Carter Family home a reality. "Everyone plays a crucial role in creating affordable housing," she said. "From the cities and municipalities that donate land, to the sponsors who fund the homes, and the volunteers who help build them, every contribution is vital." She also encouraged the community to get involved and support the organization's mission to make homeownership accessible for more families and individuals in need.

The Carter Family's home was built in partnership with Women Build 2024, an annual event and fundraiser that brings women (and men) together to raise funds and work alongside Habitat families to build and repair homes in Palm Beach County. Women Build is a unique, large-scale, and empowering experience that combines fun and impact as we come together to make a difference in our community. To learn more about Women Build 2025, taking place on March 6 & 7 in Lake Worth Beach, visit <https://habitatgreaterpbc.org/women-build/>

About 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 436 new homes, revitalized 765 existing homes, and partnered with over 1,200 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.

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