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Volunteers Gathered to Help Local Veterans during Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County's Veterans Build 2024

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL (November 21, 2024) — On Friday, November 1, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County mobilized over 100 volunteers across five job sites in a powerful display of support for our local veterans. Veterans Build 2024, presented by Vertical Bridge, brought together sponsors, community members, veterans, and active service members to repair and revitalize homes for veterans in Jupiter, Riviera Beach, Boynton Beach, and Boca Raton.

Veterans Build, an annual initiative that combines fundraising with hands-on community service, showcases Habitat's commitment to building and maintaining affordable housing for those who have served. After their volunteer shift, participants headed to the American Dream BBQ, held at the Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center, where they celebrated the impact of their work and honored the veterans and active service members present.

With nearly 76,000 veterans calling Palm Beach County home, Habitat is deeply committed to ensuring they have access to safe, affordable housing. This year's Veterans Build raised over \$239,000, directly supporting the organization's mission to help veterans achieve or maintain the American dream of homeownership.

The event was led by co-chairs Clint Lowe, Director of Engineering Transformation & Footprint Strategy at Carrier and a U.S. Army veteran, and Michael Maglio, Vice President of Industrial Sales at NuStar Building Materials and a U.S. Marine veteran. Both expressed pride in guiding this impactful day and announced their return as co-chairs for Veterans Build 2025, inviting the community to join the Veterans Build 2025 Kick-Off Party on January 30 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. For more information, visit <https://habitatgreaterpbc.org/veterans-build/>

Vertical Bridge, an annual supporter and advocate for local veterans, returned as presenting sponsor. "Vertical Bridge is proud to sponsor the Veterans Build with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County, marking our seventh consecutive year of support," said Ron Bizick, CEO of Vertical Bridge. "Giving back and making a difference in our communities is deeply important to us. Seeing the stability this housing provides to those who have devoted themselves to defending our nation's freedom is especially fulfilling."

Sponsors included Vertical Bridge (Presenting Sponsor); Carrier (Challenge Coin Sponsor); MISSION UNITED and Bank of America (Grant Funders); Art Roffey & Gail Danto of BallenIsles, Moraca Builders, and Pratt and Whitney (Home Builder Sponsors); Baptist Health (Hospitality Tent Sponsor); Comcast and Seacoast Bank (Community Builder Sponsors); Clear Touch, DSS Inc., FPL, Humana, Grimes Events and Party Tents, Gunster, NuStar Building Materials, Restore Construction Group Inc., and Suffolk Construction (Hope Build Sponsors); Boynton Beach Arts & Cultural Center (American Dream BBQ Sponsor); Hubbard Radio/WFTL 50 (Exclusive Radio Sponsor); Magen Protective Services (Security Sponsor); and Starbucks (Coffee Sponsor); Mission BBQ, C4 Energy and Barrel of Monks (Provisions Sponsors).

Committee Members included Co-Chairs Clint Lowe and Michael Maglio; Honorary Co-Chairs: Anne Desormier-Cartwright & Ryan Paton; Committee Reserves: Julia Dattolo & Charles (Chuck) Millar; Committee Members: Brandon Albers, Nicholas Cannon, Carey Clarke, Andrew Filauro, Amy Kemp, Donna Kerner, Debbie Meyers, Anthony Nastase, Jonathan Oakley, Anta Plowden, Jon Raybuck, Art Roffey, Ivan Rosa, and Melissa Royal.

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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