FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
MEDIA CONTACT:
Cara MacVane
561.685.2342; CKMacVane@gmail.com

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County Celebrates Two Local Mothers Unlocking the Doors to Dreams during Women Build 2026 Home Dedications

WEST PALM BEACH, FL (Sept. 21, 2026) — Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County celebrated two local mothers achieving the dream of affordable homeownership on August 20, dedicating two newly completed homes alongside Nicole Rose and Victorious Hawthorne-Charles. The homes were built in partnership with Habitat's record-breaking Women Build 2026 volunteer and fundraising campaign.

Surrounded by family, Habitat volunteers, community leaders, sponsors and supporters, Nicole and Victorious were welcomed into their homes during a special joint dedication ceremony celebrating their hard work and the community support that helped make the journey to homeownership possible.

Nicole has deep roots in Palm Beach County, where she works for Brightline, raises her son, and helps care for her nieces following her sister's passing. Through Habitat's affordable homeownership program, she has built a stable place where her family can grow, create lasting memories, and look toward the future.

For Victorious, a devoted mother raising her young son in the community she has always called home, homeownership marks the achievement of a goal years in the making. Her partnership with Habitat has opened the door to greater stability and a strong foundation for her son's future.

Helping turn these dream homes into reality were longtime Habitat partners and Home Sponsors, Carrier and The Breakers Palm Beach. Carrier is also the organization's HVAC Sponsor, helping ensure families across our community are welcomed into comfortable homes. Beyond their generous financial support, both organizations have built alongside Habitat families for years, bringing employees and volunteers to the job site and playing an active role in building the homes they help make possible.

“Carrier is proud to support Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County by donating an HVAC system for every Habitat home in the community and helping build homes like Victorious’ through the generous volunteer hours of our employees,” said Chris Boccaccio, Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer, Carrier and Habitat Executive Committee Board Member. “These homes demonstrate Carrier's and Habitat's shared commitment to enhancing lives by building healthy, safe and affordable homes and communities."

“Women Build is a powerful reminder of what can happen when a community comes together with a shared purpose,” said Julia McMahon, Social Impact Manager at The Breakers Palm Beach. “We are honored to partner with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County and celebrate this meaningful milestone alongside Nicole and Victorious. Habitat’s commitment to empowering local families is truly inspiring, and we are proud to be part of this local initiative that makes the dream of homeownership possible.”

The two homes were part of Women Build 2026, Habitat GPBC’s annual campaign that brings women together to raise funds, build homes, and make a difference in their community. Led by co-chairs Rana Levy and Christy Maasbach, with honorary co-chairs Julie Peyton and Mary Allen Saunders, this year’s campaign rallied the community around three local families - Carla Hamilton, Nicole Rose and Victorious Hawthorne-Charles, and raised more than $1.17 million, making it the most successful Women Build campaign in the organization’s history.

The homes were also made possible through the support of The City of West Palm Beach (Home Partner & Land Donor); Urban League of Palm Beach County and Treasure Coast (Land Donor); Moraca Builders (Drywall Sponsor); and Carrier (HVAC Sponsor).

“There is nothing more meaningful than seeing families who have worked so hard toward homeownership finally walk through the doors of a home of their own,” said Jennifer Thomason, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County. “We are incredibly proud of Nicole and Victorious and grateful to every volunteer, sponsor and supporter who helped make this day possible.”

For Nicole and Victorious, the dedication represents more than the completion of two homes. It marks the beginning of a new chapter for their families and the opportunity to build their futures from the stability of a place to call their own.

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, serving Palm Beach County. Families and individuals needing safe and affordable housing partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering, or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability, and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower.

For more information, visit www.habitatgreaterpbc.org. For any inquiries, contact Samantha Cassino, Director of Marketing and Communications, at samantha.cassino@habitatgreaterpbc.org

###