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## ***Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland Announces New Family Chosen for Partnership***

*A family of three finally gets a chance to have a home of their own.*

**Silver Spring, MD** (October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018) — Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland (HFHMM) is delighted to announce the selection of our newest partner family. Longtime residents of Prince Georges County, the Perks/Betancourt family of three tried for several years to become homeowners but found it difficult to find an affordable home even though both parents worked full time jobs. One day, Kim Perks saw an ad for the Home is Key program through HFHMM and the rest, as they say, is history.

When asked their reaction when they heard that they were selected for partnership, Kimberly Perks responded that, "A big smile came across...our faces and a feeling of excitement and relief.... This is a huge opportunity for us. Habitat for Humanity and all its volunteers are making owning a home a reality for us. We are so grateful to everyone who is dedicating parts of their lives to help make our family dream come true."

Reflecting on this family, John Paukstis, President/CEO of Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland, remarked that, "Making a difference in the lives of families we serve is what we have done for the past 36 years and we are excited to welcome the Perks/Betancourt family into the wider Habitat family. Our ability to serve our families is a testament to the wonderful support we receive from corporations, foundations, individuals and faith groups. It is about the community coming together to change lives, one home at a time."

Through HFHMM's homeownership program, families are selected based upon housing need, willingness to partner in the construction of their future home and the ability to pay a 30 year mortgage. The Perks/Betancourt family is working hard on their days off to contribute to the construction of their home as well as completing the homebuyer education program requirements for all future Habitat homeowners. This property is scheduled for completion by Thanksgiving with the home dedication set for early December followed by settlement with the future homeowners.

### About Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland

Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland, Inc. (HFHMM) is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International that serves Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland. Since 1982, HFHMM has partnered with income qualified families to build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. To date, HFHMM has provided over 415 decent and affordable housing solutions, serving over 900 individuals. HFHMM supports the notion that good, stable housing matters for neighborhoods. Better quality of living leads to stronger citizens and families. Habitat for Humanity is about changing lives, one home at a time. Visit our website at

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