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***Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland Receives Malachi 3:10 Award***

*The Local Affiliate is Recognized for Success of Tithing Program*

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SILVER SPRING, MD (April 10, 2017) — On March 29<sup>th</sup>, Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland (HFHMM) was presented with the Malachi 3:10 Award by Habitat for Humanity International at the 2017 Global Conference in Atlanta, at which many of the HFHMM staff were privileged to attend.

Habitat for Humanity's Malachi 3:10 Award is given to local affiliates whose tithing program has raised \$500,000 for building shelter overseas. Just as certain religious organizations request a 10% tithe from their members, Habitat invites their partners to donate 10% of the funds they raise each year. This donation reaches across the globe to serve developing nations in need of housing solutions.

Coming from the Christian tradition, Malachi 3:10 in the Bible reads, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the LORD Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be enough to store it." Habitat for Humanity has seen firsthand how setting aside 10% can lead to these blessings in the lives of others.

HFHMM has tithed to El Salvador, Haiti, Portugal and India, and is currently tithing to Nepal. Knowing what the Habitat tithing program does for low-income families around the world, Executive Director John Paukstis remarks, "We are honored to receive this award, and for its impact to build nearly 150 Habitat homes internationally." HFHMM looks forward to their continued contributions for those in need.

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 the community and low-income families living in substandard conditions to provide decent and affordable housing solutions. 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 [www.HabitatMM.org](http://www.HabitatMM.org).

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