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## Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland Partners with Montgomery County DEP to launch 'Gift Outside the Box' campaign

**Silver Spring, MD** (November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019) — Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland (HFHMM) is partnering with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection to celebrate America Recycles Day on Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

John Paukstis, President/CEO of Habitat Metro Maryland will join County Executive Marc Elrich and DEP Director Adam Ortiz at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore at 1029 East Gude Drive in Rockville to kickoff the "Gift Outside the Box' campaign and bring attention to the myriad ways people can give differently during this holiday season. Formal ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 1 PM.

"Our ReStore's are dedicated to helping others by reusing and recycling building materials, home products, furniture, appliances and more," said John Paukstis, President/CEO of HFHMM. "We are delighted to partner with the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to showcase the amazing work of the ReStores and to kickoff the 'Gift Outside the Box' campaign. What better way to give differently this holiday season than to come to one of our two ReStore locations in Montgomery County and get great deals on recycled items while helping to build strength, stability and self-reliance through affordable homeownership."

The ReStore is a home improvement outlet open to the public that sells quality donated home furnishings, furniture, building supplies, appliances and more at heavily discounted prices. and all revenue supports Habitat Metro Maryland's work in building, rehabbing and repairing homes with local families in need. There are two ReStore locations: 1029 East Gude Drive in Rockville and 12006 B Plum Orchard Drive in Silver Spring.

## About Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland

Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland, Inc. (HFHMM) is the local Habitat affiliate that 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 530 decent and affordable housing solutions for families in need, served over 1000 individuals and spent approximately \$18 Million in the local community to build, renovate and provide affordable housing solutions for hard working families. Habitat for Humanity is about changing lives, one home at a time. Visit our website at www.HabitatMM.org.