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***Sandy Spring Bank Foundation partners with Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland
to build decent and affordable housing in our area***

Long time partners renew their efforts to make a difference in the communities they serve

Silver Spring, MD (September 18, 2018) — Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland (HFHMM) continued its long term partnership with Sandy Spring Bank this year as part of the launch of the Sandy Spring Bank Foundation. HFHMM was one of three non-profits chosen to receive a sizable donation to commemorate Sandy Spring Bank's 150th Anniversary.

Through HFHMM's corporate sponsorship program, Sandy Spring Bank Foundation's \$50,000 donation helped Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland purchase its most recent vacant, distressed property for extensive rehabilitation and renovation in Prince George's County, Maryland. After purchasing these properties, HFHMM typically spends over \$100,000 renovating the properties with hundreds of volunteers before selling them to the future homeowners.

"Sandy Spring Bank has been a critical partner with Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland over the years, helping us to provide affordable housing opportunities in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties," said John Paukstis, President and CEO of HFHMM. He continued that "we are delighted to partner with such a strong partner who is committed to improving the lives of the local community in which it does business.

This property is scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving and sold to the partner family in time for them to celebrate the holidays in their new home. A family was recently selected by HFHMM's Board of Directors and will start work on their sweat equity hours which consist of homeowner education classes and working on the house alongside volunteers.

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.

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