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Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland Serves 500th Family in its History

A Veteran and his wife feel so blessed to be helped by Habitat

Silver Spring, MD (June 15th, 2021) — Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland (HFHMM) is excited to announce that it has served its 500th family in Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties since it was founded in 1982. Through the construction of 62 new homes, the rehabilitation of 36 vacant, distressed homes and the completion of 573 repairs and whole house weatherizations, HFHMM has provided affordable housing solutions to over 1,300 individuals.

Recently, we asked the Kirkseys, a delightful couple who we celebrated as our 500th family, to share a few thoughts about Habitat’s work on their house. They commented that, “It’s a blessing what Habitat has done for older people. The work was so professional and it put so much beauty into our house”. As a participant in our repair, weatherization, and CAPABLE program, the Kirksey’s received a number of upgrades to their house to make it as accessible and safe as possible.

Reflecting on achieving this milestone, John Paukstis, President/CEO of HFHMM, remarked that, “Making a tangible difference in the lives of the families we serve is what we have done for the past 39 years and we are excited to celebrate this important moment in our history. Our ability to serve these families is a testament to the wonderful support we receive from corporations, foundations, individuals, and faith groups. We look forward to building strength, stability, self-reliance, and affordable housing for many years to come.”

Over the years, Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland has spent over approximately \$20 Million in the local community to provide affordable housing solutions and issued over \$12 Million in zero interest financing to ensure decent and affordable housing for hard-working, lower-income families. On average, HFHMM engages over 4,000 volunteers a year to deliver program services, provide specialized skills either on the construction site, in the ReStores, as Board members or on various committees. Last year, our volunteers contributed over 34,000 hours towards our mission with an estimated economic value of \$849,089.

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, self-reliance, and affordable housing. To date, HFHMM has provided nearly 570 affordable housing solutions and served over 1,300 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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