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## ***Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland Completes 500th Project in its History***

**Silver Spring, MD** (August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019) — Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland (HFHMM) is excited to announce the completion of its 500<sup>th</sup> project in Montgomery and Prince George’s Counties since its founding 37 years ago. Through the construction of 60 new homes, the rehabilitation of 36 vacant, distressed homes and the completion of 195 repairs and 227 whole house weatherizations, HFHMM has provided affordable housing solutions to over 1,000 individuals.

Reflecting on this accomplishment, John Paukstis, President/CEO of HFHMM, remarked that, “We are ecstatic to celebrate this important milestone in our history as a testament to the wonderful support we receive from the community to build strength, stability and self-reliance through housing. It is important to remember that over 1,000 individuals have been positively impacted because of the work of Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland and we look forward to transforming lives for many years to come.”

Over the years, Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland has spent approximately \$18 Million in the local community to build, renovate and provide affordable housing solutions and issued over \$11 Million in zero interest financing to ensure decent and affordable housing for hard working, low-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 and self-reliance through shelter. To date, HFHMM has provided over 500 decent and affordable housing solutions and served over 1000 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 [www.HabitatMM.org](http://www.HabitatMM.org).

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