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Houston Habitat selected for 'Affiliates of Distinction' honor for their service and innovation

Houston, TX (March, 2017) – Houston Habitat for Humanity is one of 23 organizations recognized by Habitat for Humanity International as an “Affiliate of Distinction”.

The Affiliates of Distinction program was established by Habitat for Humanity to honor local Habitat organizations that meet or exceed best-practice standards and to uphold their work across the Habitat network.

“We were more than thrilled to have this distinction!” said Allison Hay, Executive Director, “This was a major goal on our Strategic Plan.” “This is historical for our affiliate, and evidence of the exemplary and innovative work Houston Habitat is doing,” said Gaynell Drexler, Chair of the Board of Directors. “It is an honor for which we all worked very hard!” added Angela Cox, Development Director.

For 30 years, Houston Habitat has worked in Houston, TX communities to help local families achieve strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. Through our Homeownership Program, Home Buyers Club and Volunteer Initiatives, more than 1,050 Habitat homeowners have built or improved a place they can call home.

Local Habitat organizations considered for the honor were reviewed by four criteria: Building a Sustainable Organization, Building Community Impact, Building Sector Impact and Building Societal Impact.

The recipients of this year’s Affiliates of Distinction include:

- Atlanta Habitat for Humanity (GA)
- Austin Habitat for Humanity (TX)
- Beaches Habitat for Humanity (FL)
- Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County (IL)
- Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte (NC)
- Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County (WA)
- DuPage Habitat for Humanity (IL)
- Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley (CA)
- Genesee County Habitat for Humanity (MI)
- Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity (IA)
- Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity (WI)
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles (CA)
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh (NY)
- Habitat for Humanity of Greater San Francisco (CA)
- Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley (MI)
- Houston Habitat for Humanity (TX)
- Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County (IN)
- Our Towns of North Mecklenburg-Iredell Habitat for Humanity (NC)
- Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East (OR)
- Habitat for Humanity of St. Joseph County (IN)



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- Habitat for Humanity Tucson (AZ)
- Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (MN)
- Habitat for Humanity Vail Valley (CO)

About Houston Habitat for Humanity

Since 1987, individuals, businesses and groups in our community have joined Houston Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place people call home. Through shelter, we empower people to build a better future for themselves and their families by completing financial and home maintenance training, building homes alongside volunteers, and by purchasing an affordable mortgage. With this hand up, they achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better futures. To learn more about Houston Habitat for Humanity and the Houston Habitat ReStore – a nonprofit home improvement store and donation center open to the public – go to www.houstonhabitat.org, or call 713-671-9993. Houston Habitat for Humanity is a tax-exempt 501(C) (3) nonprofit organization. Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

About Habitat for Humanity

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 as a grassroots effort on a community farm in southern Georgia. The Christian housing organization has since grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in nearly 1,400 communities throughout the U.S. and in more than 70 countries. Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, visit habitat.org

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