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More Than 40 Volunteers to Participate in Inaugural Frederick Women Build Week by Habitat for Humanity

FREDERICK, MD, May 22, 2019: Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County will welcome more than 40 volunteers during the first annual Frederick Women Build Week, June 1-8, 2019. This weeklong celebration builds on a long history of the Women Build program, which celebrates and empowers women to volunteer on the organization’s work sites. During the 2019 Frederick Women Build Week, small groups of volunteers will make a big impact in lives of local residents by providing home repairs and modifications for homeowners in need through Habitat for Humanity’s A Brush With Kindness program.

On the first day Frederick Women Build Week, volunteers will work at the home of an elderly widow who continues to suffer complications from a 2018 leg injury. Volunteers will provide assistance with her vegetable garden, which she uses to help feed families in need in her community, as well as repair deck stairs giving her access to the garden. This will allow her to remain safely in her home while continuing to give back to her community. Later in the week, volunteers will visit the home of a veteran fighting prostate cancer and awaiting a lung transplant. Volunteers will provide repair the exterior of his home and transform his yard into a beautiful, but low maintenance space. Doing so, will relieve him of the cost burden of hiring outside vendors while allowing him to fulfill his HOA requirements. The final project of the week will be repairing a deck for a single-mother so it will be structurally sound for her family once again. Those who volunteer, sponsor or make a financial contribution to the Frederick Women Build Week effort will enhance the quality of life for each of these local homeowners, giving each a brighter, safer, more affordable future in their own home.

Habitat for Humanity’s Women Build program empowers women from all walks of life to address, in a concrete way, the need for affordable housing in our communities. Through Women Build, volunteers and donors give local neighbors the strength, stability and self-reliance of affordable home ownership. Women Build is not about excluding men, but is about including women and opening new doors of opportunity. The first Women Build home was built in 1991 and the effort grew into an official Habitat for Humanity program in 1998. Since then, women volunteers have constructed over 2,400 homes around the world. Habitat Frederick began the local Women Build program in 2011 during a home build on Madison Street. Following that, women volunteers were active on local project sites as a part of National Women Build Week each spring from 2011 - 2018, after which the national event was canceled. In 2017, the organization constructed a Women Build home on Park Avenue in Brunswick, where women completed the majority of fundraising and volunteerism. That effort continued into the build next door in 2018. This history, and a steady increase of women interested in volunteering on Habitat’s construction sites, led to the launch of Frederick Women Build Week for 2019, with a commitment from Frederick Habitat to make it an annual event.
About Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County:
No matter who we are or where we come from, we all deserve a decent life. We deserve to feel strength and stability day after day. We deserve to know we have power to take care of ourselves and build our own futures. At Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County, this is what unites us. Through shelter, we empower. Our vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. For over 25 years, Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County has worked toward that by providing affordable home ownership solutions to hardworking people in Frederick County. Because every one of us deserves the opportunity for a better future. Mission: Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.