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Houston County Habitat for Humanity, Habitat for Humanity International and 83 Habitat affiliates receive transformational \$436M gift from MacKenzie Scott

Houston County Habitat for Humanity will use gift to address affordable housing shortage in Houston County

Warner Robins, Ga (March 22, 2022) — Houston County Habitat for Humanity, along with Habitat for Humanity International, and 83 U.S. Habitat affiliate organizations, recently received \$436 million in unrestricted giving from American author and philanthropist, MacKenzie Scott. Of that, **Houston County Habitat for Humanity received \$1,000,000**. This transformational donation will substantially help further Habitat’s vision of a world where everyone has equitable access to a safe, decent and affordable place to call home.

Executive Director, Bill Goggin gave these remarks. “We are extremely grateful for this tremendous gift from MacKenzie Scott. We appreciate her generosity and support that allows us to increase our capacity and offer more housing opportunities to people in Houston County. We are so thankful that MacKenzie and her team see the value in our work. Together we are going to help a lot of people!”

Over the next 3-5 years, HCHF will use the one-million-dollar donation to build more homes and complete more home repairs. This funding provides enough money to build a dozen or more new houses.

The need for affordable housing in Houston County is great. 36% of the housing stock is renter occupied and 40% of those renters are cost burdened. There is a one to two year waiting list for subsidized housing. Construction costs have skyrocketed to a level that makes home ownership unaffordable. This new funding will help low to moderate income families achieve the American dream of homeownership.

“Habitat works to break down barriers and bring people together — to tear down obstacles and build a world where everyone, no matter who we are or where we come from, has a decent place to live,” said Habitat for Humanity International CEO Jonathan Reckford. “This incredible gift helps make that work possible.”

About Houston County Habitat for Humanity

Since 1991 HCHF has built 65 new homes and completed over 300 home repairs. Using volunteers, donated land, and gifts from the community, HCHF gives a hand up to hard working families. Habitat homeowners complete 200-300 hours of sweat equity and are issued a 0% interest mortgage at closing. To learn more visit www.hocohabitat.org

About Habitat for Humanity International

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity found its earliest

inspirations as a grassroots movement on an interracial community farm in south Georgia. Since its founding in 1976, the Christian housing organization has grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in local communities across all 50 states in 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](https://www.habitat.org).