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Habitat for Humanity kicks off 10 day Home Builders Blitz; building 4 homes

CHAPEL HILL, NC (March 18, 2025) – On March 18, Habitat for Humanity of Orange County kicked off a Home Builders Blitz in the Weavers Grove neighborhood in Chapel Hill, where four Habitat homes will be constructed from start to finish in just ten days.

"The vision at Weavers Grove is that we would be able to create a community where people who come from all sorts of backgrounds; different ages, races, sexualities, genders, and walks of life; to be able to live in community and live as neighbors in one cohesive space," said Jennifer Player, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Orange County. "We believe here at Habitat that housing is a right and that everybody should have a decent place to live. Our partners here this week are showing they also believe that housing is critical and foundational to our families and to our community."

Founded as a means to include local builders in Habitat's mission, the Home Builders Blitz condensed build schedule allows affiliates to build more homes without overextending capacity or significantly increasing overhead. This year's event is made possible by the three home builder partners alongside Habitat for Humanity; BuildSense, Trinity Design/Build, and Bost Custom Homes. These partnerships have come together, in collaboration with the Home Builders Association of Durham, Orange, and Chatham Counties.

"The Home Builders Association of Durham, Orange, and Chatham Counties has partnered for years with our local Habitat affiliates through Home Builders Blitz," said Holly Fraccaro, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Durham, Orange, and Chatham Counties. "Community is what it's all about. Our community that is here today to help make this happen over the next 10 days is BuildSense, who has been a long-term supporter of the blitz build, Bost Custom Homes, who is new with us to do a blitz but has done them in another county and super excited to have them in Orange County, and a brand new blitz builder, Trinity Design/Build. Thank you so much for being a yes."

With construction costs continuing to rise, innovative solutions like a Home Builders Blitz are essential to continuing Habitat's mission to build safe, affordable homes in Orange County.

"The impact this blitz is going to have on our construction efforts is huge," said Jesús Gutierrez, Project Manager for Habitat for Humanity of Orange County. "With donations from our build partners and vendors, we are saving at least 50% of our costs to build these homes as well as getting ahead of our construction schedule. Families who have been waiting for over a year will become homeowners in a matter of days."

The Home Builders Blitz will conclude on March 28.

About Habitat for Humanity of Orange County

Habitat for Humanity of Orange County has helped nearly 350 local families achieve and maintain homeownership and nearly 250 families repair existing homes in Orange County. Habitat homes are built through the use of volunteer labor and donations of money and materials. Qualified homebuyers complete 275 hours of sweat equity and purchase the home from Habitat through an affordable mortgage priced at less than 30% of family income. For more information, please visit www.orangehabitat.org.

About BuildSense

A BuildSense client once expressed, "The BuildSense team is not just designers and builders of homes, they are builders of dreams." We believe the most important products we build are relationships. Understanding and respecting clients' wants and needs forms the true foundation for a memorable home. At BuildSense, professional training and broad experience provide a full understanding of what it takes to deliver a delightful, healthy, and exceptional custom home or renovation. Working with our inhouse architecture staff or in cooperation with partner designers, BuildSense makes it possible for clients to realize their dreams with focused coordination and cost analysis from early planning through construction. Start your relationship with the BuildSense team today. For more information, please visit www.buildsense.com.

About Trinity Design/Build

Trinity Design/Build is located in Durham, North Carolina and specializes in full service residential design and construction. We work closely with homeowners on a wide range of projects including additions, whole and partial renovations, and new construction. We also specialize in historic preservation, green building, and eco-friendly interiors, and have trained preservationists on staff. We are very passionate about what we do and pride ourselves on providing thoughtful design, exceptional service and quality construction to our clients. For more information, please visit www.trinitydesignbuild.com.

About Bost Custom Homes

Bost Custom Homes is a family-owned luxury custom home builder serving clients in the Triangle market since 1987. Founded by Rex Bost, Bost Homes has a history of designing and constructing unique, personalized homes and showcase estates with an emphasis on authentic architecture, innovative features, high-performance building practices, and a client-centric process. As a full-service residential design-build firm, Bost assists in land acquisition, rezoning/annexation, homesite planning, custom home design, estimation, and specification development, permitting, and general contracting through final home completion. Bost Homes is in site plan review on a 12K sf mixed use building near downtown Cary that will serve as Bost's future office and be the company's first commercial building venture. For more information, please visit <u>www.bosthomes.com</u>.

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