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Habitat for Humanity Honors Volunteers for Achieving Milestone of Building 250 Homes Volunteer Appreciation Award Winners Announced at Annual Celebration

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, Fla. (April 7, 2025) – Habitat for Humanity Seminole-Apopka announced the winners of its Volunteer Appreciation Awards at a Ceremony held on April 4, 2025 at Eastmonte Park Civic Center in Altamonte Springs, FL. The event celebrated the contributions of volunteers who played a crucial role in achieving the organization's milestone of building more than 250 homes. View photos from the event [at this link](#).

Volunteers are the backbone of Habitat for Humanity, and their dedication and hard work have been instrumental in advancing the organization's mission to provide affordable housing solutions. The milestone of building the 250th home is a testament to the transformative power of volunteerism, helping to serve more families, reduce labor costs, foster community engagement, and improve the economic and social well-being of the neighborhoods they serve.

"Our volunteers are our strongest champions, helping us reach the milestone of building our 250th home while fostering community engagement and raising awareness about affordable housing," said Penny Seater, CEO of Habitat for Humanity Seminole-Apopka. "We deeply appreciate their unwavering commitment and celebrate their achievements today."

Habitat for Humanity Seminole-Apopka's slate of Volunteer Award Recipients for 2025 include:

Rosalynn & Jimmy Carter Legacy Award	Wharton-Smith
Stephanie Smith Memorial Award	Jackie Pacheco
Lifetime Achievement Award	Cassie Fleming
President's Volunteer Service Award	Michael Cruse
Millard Fuller Award	Carla Hogan and Rose Castano
Education Partner of the Year	Fairwinds Credit Union / Elisha González
Selection Committee Volunteer of the Year	Suzanne Weinstein / Orlando Credit Union
Faith Partner Award	Annunciation Catholic Church
Corporate Partner of the Year	AdventHealth
Construction Volunteer Group of the Year	Knights Build
Construction Volunteer of the Year	Jerry Fitzgerald
Volunteer Family of the Year	The Ellert Family
Mentorship Council Volunteer of the Year	Lynn Tuttle
Hostess with the Mostess	Susan Rich
Feeding the Troops	Knights of Columbus

Habitat for Humanity Seminole-Apopka extends its heartfelt congratulations to all the award winners and expresses its profound gratitude to all volunteers for their dedication and support. Together, we continue to build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. Photos and video of the event and award winners will be shared on [social media](#) and on the organization's [Google Photos event page](#) when available.

About Habitat for Humanity Seminole-Apopka

Habitat for Humanity Seminole-Apopka has been building brighter futures and better communities in Central Florida for over 33 years. Through financial support, business partnerships, and volunteer resources, Habitat builds and develops affordable homes that are sold to low-to-moderate income families at no profit and are financed with a modest mortgage. Homebuyers qualify through financial education, volunteerism and by helping to build their home as well as those of other, future homebuyers. Visit <https://www.habitatseminoleapopka.org/> to learn more.

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