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**Habitat for Humanity Announces Achievement Award Winners
Volunteers, Women Build Teams, Mentors, and Partners Honored at Annual Celebration**

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, Fla. (April 28, 2026) – Habitat for Humanity Seminole-Apopka announced the winners of its Habitat Achievement Awards at a ceremony held on April 24, 2026 at Eastmonte Park Civic Center in Altamonte Springs, FL. Over 100 Central Florida volunteers were honored, including special recognition for those who have gone above and beyond in their efforts.

The evening underscored the significance of Habitat’s Blueprint for the Future – more than a plan, it is a promise to grow with purpose. A promise to place families at the center of every decision and to build not only homes, but lasting pathways to stability and opportunity. Guided by this blueprint, and with the support of its partners and supporters, the organization has expanded its role as both a construction company and land developer to more effectively address Central Florida’s growing housing needs.

Event attendees heard the story of Habitat homeowner Keetonia, who shared how a sudden, steep rent increase led her family to Habitat for Humanity and ultimately to a stable, affordable home they worked hard to earn together. She described how homeownership has brought her family lasting stability, financial confidence, and a sense of community – creating a foundation for opportunity and generational wealth.

“Habitat Seminole-Apopka has grown with purpose by expanding our reach, increasing our impact, and strengthening the systems that have allowed us to serve more Central Florida families like Keetonia’s,” said Penny Seater, CEO of Habitat for Humanity Seminole-Apopka. “Progress at this scale doesn’t happen alone. It happens when local governments, financial institutions, developers, philanthropies, and nonprofits come together to propel our ‘people-first’ development by unlocking land, resources, and opportunities that make affordable homeownership possible.”

Habitat for Humanity Seminole-Apopka’s slate of Achievement Award Recipients for 2026 include:

Education Partner of the Year	SeacoastBank
Mentorship Council Volunteer of the Year	Windi Kenroy
Selection Committee Volunteer of the Year	Charlie Plaza
Good Samaritan Partner of the Year	AdventHealth
Rosalynn & Jimmy Carter Legacy Award	Denny Vandendriessche
Corporate Partner of the Year	Wharton-Smith, Inc.
Construction Volunteer Group of the Year	Annunciation Catholic Church
Construction Volunteer of the Year	Ben Wright
Faith Partner of the Year	LifeWay Church
Women Build Presenting Sponsor	One Florida Bank
Women Build Winningest Expansion Team	One Florida Bank Change Makers
Women Build Top Fundraiser	Susan Rich
Women Build Most Creative Fundraising	Be the Good
Women Build Most Spirited Team	Gsey, Inc.
Women Build Traveling Trophy	Wondrous Women

Habitat for Humanity Seminole-Apopka extends its heartfelt congratulations to all the award winners and expresses its profound gratitude to all its supporters. Photos of the event are available for viewing in the [Achievement Awards Google photo album](#). Highlight videos and coverage will be shared on our [social media](#) channels.

About Habitat for Humanity Seminole-Apopka

Habitat Seminole-Apopka has been building brighter futures and stronger communities in Central Florida for over three decades. Through financial support, volunteer participation, and business partnerships, Habitat constructs and develops affordable homes that are sold to families with low-to-moderate incomes at no profit, financed with modest mortgages. Homebuyers invest in their futures by completing financial education and helping to build their own homes as well as those of other families through earned “sweat equity” hours. Learn more at: habitatseminoleapopka.org

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