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Baptist Health South Florida and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami Reach 100 Homes, Expanding Affordable Homeownership

Miami, FL (June 18, 2026) - Baptist Health South Florida and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami celebrated an important milestone with the sponsorship of their 100th home in Miami-Dade County. The milestone was commemorated during a with a dedication ceremony on June 17th, bringing together volunteers, partners, and community members who supported the build, as well as current and former homeowners whose lives have been impacted by the partnership.

Since 2000 Baptist Health South Florida has partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami and increased their commitment over the years to support six to eight families each year in achieving affordable homeownership, contributing more than $7.8 million toward housing opportunities across the region.

Among the families moving forward on their path to homeownership through this partnership is future homeowner Shirley, mother of three, grandmother, and primary caregiver for her son and elderly mother, who is purchasing her first home through Miami Habitat's affordable homeownership program.

"I've always wanted to get my own home. But it's been a rough road." Shirley said. "I've moved five times in 10 years. It's time."

As a hospitality professional, Shirley has spent her life caring for others in our community. Now, with support from Baptist Health South Florida and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami, she is taking a meaningful step toward homeownership and long-term stability for her family,

"Now, changing from renter to homeowner, I can breathe. My eldest son has additional needs, and I want to give him a place where he can feel at home... not moving from one rental to the next. I'm very excited about this opportunity." Shirley said.

Mario Artecona, CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami, said:
"Baptist sets the bar high when it comes to community engagement. Not only have they helped financially, but their employees have engaged in the construction of each home and formed strong bonds with the families. Their support extends much further than a donation. Engagement is very much in their DNA. We could not be more fortunate to have such a committed partner."

Bo Boulenger, President and CEO of Baptist Health , said:
"Reaching our 100th home with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami reflects more than a milestone — it represents lives changed, families strengthened and futures made possible. For more than two

decades, our team members have shown up not only with resources, but with heart, helping build safe, stable homes alongside the families who will live in them. We are proud to stand with Davina and so many others as they take this meaningful step toward homeownership, and we remain committed to expanding opportunities that support the long-term well-being of our communities."

As housing affordability remains a critical issue across South Florida, partnerships like this continue to create pathways to homeownership for local families, helping ensure that more people have a place to call home.

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About Baptist Health South Florida

Baptist Health South Florida is the largest healthcare organization in the region, with 12 hospitals, more than 29,000 employees, 4,500 physicians and 200 outpatient centers, urgent care facilities and physician practices spanning Miami-Dade, Monroe, Broward and Palm Beach counties. Baptist Health has internationally renowned institutes specializing in cancer care, brain and spine care, heart and vascular care and orthopedic care. In addition, it includes Baptist Health Medical Group; Baptist Health Quality Network; and the Baptist Health PineApp, a virtual health platform. Baptist Health South Florida is an academic and clinical affiliate of Florida International University. A not-for-profit organization supported by philanthropy and committed to its charitable mission of medical excellence, Baptist Health has been recognized by Fortune as one of the 100 Best Companies to Work For in America and is the most awarded healthcare system in South Florida by U.S. News & World Report. ***For more information****, visit BaptistHealth.net/Newsroom and connect with us on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, TikTok and LinkedIn.*

About Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami is non-profit organization that partners with local low-income families to achieve safe, affordable homeownership through a 0% interest rate financing program, creating a foundation for lasting stability and opportunity.
We bring together families, volunteers, sponsors, and community members to build homes, strengthen neighborhoods, and create thriving communities across Miami-Dade County. ***For more information****, please contact Maria Trivino | 305-634-3628 ext. 203 | maria.trivino@miamihabitat.org. Connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.*