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Publix Marks 30th Habitat Home at Dedication of First Habitat Acres Building

Miami, FL (March 12, 2026) – On March 7, **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami** dedicated the **first building at Habitat Acres**, the future 150-townhome community that represents Miami Habitat's boldest response to the growing need for affordable homeownership in the city.

At the center of the celebration were the **future homeowners** of the first eight townhomes, including **Shanteria and her mother Rhonda**, whose home is sponsored by **Publix Super Markets Charities**.

For Shanteria, the opportunity to become a homeowner at 23 is a milestone she does not take for granted. *"I'm very happy to have the opportunity at my age because I know not many people have that opportunity,"* she said.

For Rhonda, a single mother who has raised her children largely on her own, the home represents stability and the ability to provide a stronger foundation for her family.
"It means a lot to be able to provide for my kids," she shared.

Publix's **$300,000 sponsorship** of Shanteria and Rhonda's home marks the company's **30th Habitat home with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami**, reflecting a long-standing commitment to supporting families and strengthening communities across South Florida.

Publix is part of a group of eight organizations that came together to sponsor the first building at Habitat Acres, helping launch the neighborhood and the future it will create for local families.

"Publix has been an extraordinary partner for year," said Mario Artecona, CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami. "Their continued investment in affordable homeownership is helping families like Shanteria and Rhonda build stability and opportunity for the future."

When completed, **Habitat Acres will include 150 townhomes**, creating a new community and expanding access to affordable homeownership for families across Miami-Dade County.

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Event Details:

Date: March 7th, 2026
Location: Habitat Acres - 15000 SW 280 St. Naranja, Fl 33032
Event: Dedication of the first eight townhomes at Habitat Acres, a future 150-home Habitat community
Attendees: Over 80 community members, sponsors, volunteers, partners, and future homeowners with their families
Infrastructure Sponsors: The Ansin Foundation & The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation
Home Sponsors: Publix Super Markets Charities, Assurant, Amerant Bank, Baptist Health South Florida, Bean Automotive, , Sunshine Gasoline Distributors, The Ortega Foundation, WSVN-TV 7.

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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.