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**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S WOMEN BUILD 2025 SHATTERS RECORDS,  
MOBILIZING HUNDREDS TO BUILD HOMES AND HOPE**

**LAKE WORTH BEACH, FL (March 21, 2025)** – The power of women united for a cause was on full display as Habitat for Humanity of Greater Palm Beach County (Habitat GPBC) hosted its annual **WOMEN BUILD** fundraiser on March 6th and 7th. Held during Women's History Month, the sold-out event co-chaired by Julie Peyton and Mary Allen Saunders, brought hundreds of women (and men) together to raise over \$600,000 to help build safe, affordable homes for local families.

Over two days, volunteers rolled up their sleeves to put roofs on two new homes, revitalize three existing homes, and complete a community clean up. More than just a fundraiser, Women Build is a movement that empowers women to take an active role in addressing the affordable housing crisis in their community.

“Each year, Women Build reaches new heights, bringing together an unstoppable force of dedicated women who are committed to making a lasting impact,” said Jennifer Thomason, President/CEO of Habitat GPBC. “This event is about more than building homes—it’s about building strength, hope, and opportunity. Through their passion and determination, our women builders are creating transformational change, ensuring more families have the stability and foundation they need to thrive.”

During the lunch program, attendees were deeply moved by the inspiring stories of Judy Noel-Jeune and Tangie Guillaume, two local mothers partnering with Habitat to build a better future for their families. Event co-chairs Julie Peyton and Mary Allen Saunders followed with heartfelt remarks, sharing how their involvement in Women Build has strengthened their commitment to addressing the urgent need for affordable housing.

In addition, the program featured remarks from Sarah Malega of the City of Lake Worth Beach and Palm Beach County Commissioner Christina Lambert, who emphasized the vital role of community support in creating lasting change. Joan Oliva, Executive Director of the Lake Worth Beach CRA, also addressed participants, highlighting the CRA's commitment to expanding affordable homeownership. Their generous donation of land for these homes is a key part of the partnership that makes events like Women Build possible.

The Women Build 2025 committee was comprised of outstanding community leaders dedicated to making a positive impact in our community. The Co-Chairs are Julie Peyton and Mary Allen Saunders, and the Honorary Chairs are Aimee Craig Carlson and Camille Murphy Kubicek. Legacy Committee Members are Beverly Raphael-Altman, Clara Bennett, Kerry Colvett, Robyn Raphael-Dynan, Sophia Eccleston, Danielle Rosse, and Kelly Smallridge. Committee Members include Tiffany Beekhuysen, Renay Chung, Krysta Fuoco, Andrea Gassner, Lucy Joseph, Erika London, Cristina Marulanda, Christy Maasbach, Tonya Notaro, Kerry O'Neill, Laureen Pannullo, Noelle Tantillo, Teawanna Teal, JP Varvarigos, Varito Vasquez, Mandy Warren, and Lauren Zinn.

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