

Local Habitat for Humanity Selected to Kick Off National Home Builders Blitz

Habitat Leaders and Celebrities to Join the Ceremony

Altamonte Springs, Fla. (May 28, 2015) – Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County & Greater Apopka has been chosen to host the national kick off for the national organization's Home Builders Blitz. Throughout the country, more than 200 homes will be built in one week, with the first homes starting in Sanford, Fla..

"This honor could not come at a better time for us, as over the past two years, we've more than tripled our construction capacity and are serving more families this year than ever before," says Penny Seater, executive director, Habitat for Humanity of Seminole - Apopka. "The Home Builders Blitz has a proven track record of helping our communities and we are excited to be a focal point."

Steve Thomas, Emmy Award-winning television personality and former host of *This Old House* and *Renovation Nation*, will participate in the ceremony.

Over the course of his career, Thomas is recognized as the "ultimate home enthusiast" and an "expert-on-demand" on the home renovation process. Thomas first began supporting Habitat for Humanity's work in 1991, when he joined hundreds of volunteers to help build affordable homes in partnership with low-income families in Miami as part of the annual Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project.

"Habitat developed its Home Builders Blitz program as a means to engage construction professionals in addressing the need for decent, affordable housing in their own communities," said Thomas. "Because builders recruit their fellow builders and suppliers to kick in labor, materials and funds during the event, Habitat affiliates can serve more families without the usual tasks of raising funds and recruiting volunteers."

During the event, two local homes will be involved. One, on Garrison Street in Sanford, will be renovated, while another, on 11th Street, also in Sanford, will be a new home. e2 Homes of Maitland will be leading the two builds with its 53 local vendors to complete the homes in one week.

Details on the opening ceremony are:

Who: Steve Thomas, This Old House
Larry Gluth, senior vice president, Habitat for Humanity International
Sanford Mayor Jeff Triplett
Rob Smith, owner, e2 Homes
Roger Rausch, national account builder manager, Delta Faucets
Danny Karch, director, community & market outreach, SFI
Mark Hinterlong, director of sales, Interwrap
Rick Spencer, manager, retail operations, KraftMaid Cabinetry
Donille Perrone, director of marketing, MaxLite

What: Builders Blitz 2015

When: National Opening Celebration, June 8 at 10 a.m.

Where: 922 W. 11th Street, Sanford, FL 32771

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About Builders Blitz

Habitat's Home Builders Blitz is a partnership between Habitat for Humanity and the building industry that gives local builders a chance to give back to their community while networking with other builders and suppliers. Across the U.S., more than 50 Habitat for Humanity affiliates will take part in this year's event.

About Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka

Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka has completed more than 136 homes throughout the community. The affiliate's construction capacity has more than tripled over the last two years and expecting to serve an additional 70 families by June, 2015. *To learn more about Habitat Seminole & Apopka or to make a donation, call (407) 696-5855 or visit <http://habitatseminoleapopka.org>.*

About e2 Homes:

e2 Homes is an award-winning, residential construction firm specializing in modern, custom and environmentally responsible building solutions. The Maitland-based builder provides a wide array of construction services including custom home building, remodeling and green building. As the first builder of its kind in Central Florida, e2 Homes completed the first Department of Energy Zero Energy Ready Home in the country, which was awarded the 2012 LEED-H Project of the Year and Outstanding Project of the Year from the United States Green Building Council – Central Florida Division. To learn more about e2 Homes visit www.e2homes.com.