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Building Hope Gala Raises Over \$810,000 to Support Home Builds, Repairs, and Veterans Initiatives

Conroe, Texas (April 2024) — Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, Texas (Habitat MCTX) celebrated its highly anticipated Building Hope Gala on April 6, 2024, at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel & Convention Center. The event brought together donors, partner families, volunteers, and supporters to raise funds and celebrate Habitat MCTX's mission of providing safe, decent, and affordable housing. This year the event was even more triumphant, celebrating the 35th anniversary of Habitat MCTX.

The gala, attended by over 510 guests, was a resounding success, generating an impressive \$811,000. These funds will significantly contribute to Habitat MCTX's efforts to facilitate home builds, conduct critical home repairs, and support initiatives such as Veterans Build and Aging in Place.

The evening commenced with welcoming remarks from Gala Committee co-chairs, Jill Krueger, and Sonya Nicholson, followed by gratitude expressed by Habitat MCTX Board President, Charles Merdian, towards sponsors, partners, and honored guests. Three incredible honorees were able to attend the gala: Dr. Jim Schulze on behalf of Founding Members of Habitat MCTX, Kathy Uber on behalf of the late Rick Uber – a

devoted volunteer of Habitat MCTX for over 25 years, and the Can Do Crew – Women Build Too group, a tenured volunteer group that has made a significant impact on our community.

A highlight of the event was the touching story of Buddy and Deborah's family, future homeowners in Habitat MCTX's Cedar Creek neighborhood. Their home will be dedicated in early May, followed by their official closing. Their journey epitomized perseverance and triumph, inspiring all in attendance.

Vicki Johnson, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, Texas, expressed profound gratitude for the overwhelming generosity witnessed at the gala. She emphasized the transformative impact of the funds raised on addressing housing needs in the community, empowering veterans, and ensuring the safety and comfort of seniors in their homes.

Habitat MCTX extends its deepest gratitude to LGI Homes for their continuous support as the Presenting Sponsor of the Building Hope Gala for the seventh consecutive year, as well as to Insperity for providing the VIP Experience prior to the event and the many other generous sponsors and underwriters. The gala ran seamlessly due to the dedication of our incredible staff, Emcee and Auctioneer, Patrick Tully, and Event Coordinator, Jen Lowrance owner of JLow Events. The organization also extends its appreciation to all sponsors and donors whose contributions, big or small, made the gala a heartfelt and massive success.

The Building Hope Gala celebrated generosity and showcased the community's unwavering commitment to creating a more equitable future for all. Donations are still welcomed for those unable to attend the gala but wishing to support Habitat MCTX. Every contribution aids in building and preserving homes and increasing access to affordable housing in Montgomery County, Texas.

For further information about Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, TX, and its initiatives, please visit habitatmctx.org.

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