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Greater Matthews Habitat for Humanity and Wells Fargo team in Matthews and across the country to help build affordable homes

Matthews, NC (August 13, 2020) – Wells Fargo Foundation has awarded Greater Matthews Habitat for Humanity with a \$15,000 grant to build an affordable home in Matthews. The funding is part of an \$8.1 million donation to Habitat for Humanity International for capacity building and direct mission support to build, renovate and repair more than 350 affordable homes across the United States. The grant is provided through Wells Fargo BuildsSM and part of the Wells Fargo Foundation's \$1 billion philanthropic commitment to create more housing affordability solutions by 2025.

"We have a rich history of working with Habitat for Humanity to strengthen our neighborhoods through philanthropy and volunteerism," said Kendall Alley, Region Bank President for Charlotte. "Safe and stable housing is fundamental to a healthy financial future. The Wells Fargo Builds program is another demonstration of our commitment to improve lives and strengthen communities."

Wells Fargo Builds provides philanthropic financial assistance from the Wells Fargo Foundation to support the construction, renovation, painting or repairing of homes with low-to-moderate income households. In 2019 alone, Wells Fargo employees volunteered more than 1.9 million hours of service to strengthen their communities, including building, repairing, and improving 674 homes across the U.S. with several organizations through Wells Fargo Builds.

"We are so grateful for the partnership we share with Wells Fargo," said Natisha Rivera-Patrick, Greater Matthews President & CEO. "Their commitment to community and to ensuring affordable housing options for all is evident in their willingness to support critical housing infrastructure through partnerships like ours. We look forward to continuing to work together to make homeownership a reality for hard working families in our community."

The grant will support the construction of Greater Matthews Habitat's annual Sandy Marano Memorial Women Build, named after their longtime Family Services Coordinator, Sandy Marano, who passed away from breast cancer in the fall of 2016. Greater Matthews Habitat will be breaking ground on the home on Saturday, August 22nd at 10 am. Members of the community can join the celebration virtually through Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/habitatmatthews/>) or learn more about how to support or get involved with the build at <https://www.greatermatthewshabitat.org/womenbuild>.

About Greater Matthews Habitat for Humanity

Since 1989, Greater Matthews Habitat for Humanity has addressed the lack of affordable housing in our area by providing decent homes with an affordable mortgage to help lower-income families obtain self-sufficiency and break the cycle of poverty. Habitat partner families help build their home alongside volunteers and make regular mortgage payments. Through financial

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support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, you can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance that they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, please visit www.greatermatthewshabitat.org.

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