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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE CHARLOTTE REGION RECOGNIZED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING EFFORTS AROUND THE WORLD

CHARLOTTE, N.C.— Serving nearly 4,400 families in the greater Charlotte area since 1983, Habitat Charlotte Region (HCR) has been recognized by Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) as the top contributor to the organization’s global housing initiative. Habitat Charlotte Region was recognized last week at HFHI’s bi-annual conference in Atlanta for reaching \$10 million in tithe contributions over 40 years—the first and only Habitat affiliate to reach this milestone.

Habitat for Humanity affiliates are encouraged to tithe—or give 10 percent of unrestricted funds—to help Habitat create safe, affordable homes in countries without significant resources. The tithe concept started in 1979 to create a cycle of partnership that transcends borders and languages. As part of this program, Habitat Charlotte Region has partnered with affiliates in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Cambodia, sending volunteers to help build homes in those countries, and has contributed to global disaster relief efforts.

“We are committed to providing affordable housing solutions for low-to-moderate-income families in the Charlotte area and to Habitat’s global mission where everyone has a decent place to live,” said Habitat Charlotte Region CEO, Laura Belcher. “We are honored to be catalysts of positive change, making a difference not only within our community but also around the world.”

Habitat Charlotte Region contributes 10 percent of unrestricted funds, including ReStore net profits, to the program. Restricted dollars, such as those pledged to specific home builds or developments, are not included in the tithe contribution.

Investing funds in housing opportunities internationally multiplies HCR’s impact, as the cost to build is far less around the world.

About Habitat Charlotte Region:

Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat Charlotte Region brings people together from Pineville to Statesville to build strength, stability, and self-reliance through affordable homeownership. Since 1983, Habitat Charlotte Region has served nearly 4,400 families in

the City of Charlotte, Pineville, the Lake Norman area, and Iredell County with affordable housing. Last year, Habitat Charlotte Region hosted the 37th Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project, which brought more than 2,000 volunteers to Charlotte to construct 27 new homes in West Charlotte in the Meadows at Plato Price and on New Pineola Road. Visit <https://www.habitatcltregion.org> or call 704-376-2054 to learn more.

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