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BANK OF BARTLETT MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER MEMPHIS

Sixteen Bank of Bartlett employees woke early on Saturday, October 14, 2017 to help build homes with affordable mortgages for families in the Countryside Acres subdivision in Memphis, TN. The group painted interior and exterior trim, scraped floors, caulked trim work and painted walls. With other Habitat for Humanity volunteers from the Memphis area, the group recognized a need and took action to improve the lives of hard working families in the area. In addition to donating volunteer time, Bank of Bartlett also contributed \$7500 to support Habitat's ongoing efforts.

"At Bank of Bartlett, we're guided by a common mission to help families achieve their financial goals and realize their dreams. Our focus is on providing excellent customer service, while offering competitive products and services for people and businesses. We want to make this area a great place to grow a family and grow a business," says Bank Officer Jennifer Mason, who lead the bank's Habitat volunteer effort.

For more than 14 years, Bank of Bartlett has been the bank partner with Habitat for Humanity for 335 housing units developed or rehabbed with Affordable Housing Program grants provided by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati. In addition to organizing bank employee teams to build homes, Bank of Bartlett has also partnered with Habitat to help 221 families with down payment assistance and assisted 64 elderly families with critical home repairs.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis serves a critical need in this area, as families turn to the organization for a helping hand up.

Did you know:

- **\$28,644** – average annual income of a Memphis Habitat homeowner family
- **\$450 – 500** – average Memphis Habitat monthly mortgage payment
- **\$827** – average Memphis 2-bedroom apartment monthly rent
- **1 in 4** – Memphians live in poverty, nearly double the national rate
- **43%** - Memphis children live in poverty

Bank of Bartlett is a locally owned community bank serving the Greater Memphis Area. With 8 branch locations and ATMs in Walgreens' stores throughout Memphis, the bank has been serving the businesses and families in the Memphis metropolitan area since 1980. Bartlett Mortgage, the bank's mortgage company subsidiary, has helped over 50,000 families realize their dream of homeownership. For more information, visit bankofbartlett.com.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Memphis partners with people in our community to help them build or improve places they can call home through new home construction, rehabilitation projects and Aging in Place accessibility and mobility modifications for seniors. Since 1983, Memphis Habitat has helped more than 480 first-time homebuyers secure affordable mortgages and completed rehabilitation and home modification projects in partnership with more than 350 local homeowners, helping them achieve the independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families. For more information, visit memphishabitat.com.

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