

Habitat Launches Housing Counseling Program



To journey alongside families before, during, and after homeownership, Indian River Habitat launched a new initiative – the Housing Counseling Program.

A subset of the Family Services department, the Housing Counseling Program (HCP) prepares prospective homebuyers to enter Habitat’s Homeownership program or, if they don’t qualify, ready the client for other options, such as traditional financing. Some families that enter Habitat’s doors simply aren’t ready to own a home. Through the HCP, Habitat can help them understand how to create a better financial picture for their family and increase their likelihood of home ownership. The Housing Counseling Program readiness topics include budgeting and saving, credit building and repair, and debt reduction.

“We are working to ensure that every homebuyer has a better understanding of finances, credit, savings, mortgages, and budgeting,” Milissa Philipps, Habitat’s Housing Advisor, begins.

“We hope that we will help equip them with the tools needed to have a successful future, whether through our Homeownership Program or otherwise,” Philipps said.

Within the first three months of launching HCP, Habitat has served over 70 clients interested in pursuing homeownership or other sustainable opportunities. Habitat’s program is unique. It is highly customized to the individual or family. Together, the Housing Advisor and the family review financial documents to create a plan that readies them for success.

Indian River Habitat continually seeks to increase our capacity to serve families in our community. We expect to serve over 200 families annually through the Habitat Housing Counseling Program.

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For more information, call Imani Craig at 772-562-9860 ext. 214. All proceeds will benefit Indian River Habitat for Humanity’s mission of providing local families with affordable new homes, critical home repairs, and financial assistance for Habitat homeowners and their dependents through Habitat’s Scholarship Program.

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Time: 7:30 AM
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Mark Parent, chair of the Moorings Habitat Partnership Committee, welcomed major sponsors, committee members, Habitat homebuyers, and representatives of Indian River Habitat for Humanity and the Moorings to their annual Appreciation Luncheon at the Moorings Yacht and Country Club.

Among the Habitat homebuyers was Sarah Robotcek, who thanked everyone on behalf of all the homebuyers.

“It’s not just four walls and a roof and the physical aspect of having a house,” said Robotcek, who was celebrating her wall-raising the next day. She said the experience has given her confidence and independence and, coming out of an abusive relationship, she now has safety, stability and freedom, as do her three young daughters.

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