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Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity mourns the death of former First Lady Rosalynn Carter

St. Paul, MN (November 19, 2023) – Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity joins the world in mourning the death of former First Lady Rosalynn Carter. Mrs. Carter and President Jimmy Carter have served as Habitat for Humanity’s most famous volunteers over the 35 years they helped to build affordable housing with the organization.

“Our hearts are with the family of Rosalynn Carter, who worked alongside her husband to open doors for thousands of Habitat homeowners and advance racial equity in housing,” said Chris Coleman, President & CEO of Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity. “Among her many legacies, Mrs. Carter leaves behind a legacy of compassion and advocacy for others. We join the Habitat for Humanity community in celebrating her positive spirit and fierce determination to improve housing conditions around the world.”

President and Mrs. Carter joined Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity for the 2010 Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project. The Carters worked alongside hundreds of volunteers to build, renovate, or repair a total of 20 homes in North Minneapolis and the East Side of St. Paul. Then-St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman and Vice President Walter Mondale participated in the build and associated events.

Twin Cities Habitat was recently named host of the 2024 Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project. From September 29 to October 5, 2024, thousands of volunteers from around the world will celebrate the Carters’ legacy by building dozens of homes along one city block at The Heights on St. Paul’s East Side. In the Carters’ stead, Habitat Humanitarians Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood have stepped up to host the event.

After leaving the White House, the Carters sought out meaningful ways to continue their commitment to social justice and basic human rights. They first volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in Americus, Georgia, near their home of Plains, in March 1984. Later that same year, the Carters joined Habitat volunteers in New York City’s Lower East Side to renovate an abandoned building in partnership with families in need of affordable housing. That trip marked Habitat for Humanity’s first Jimmy Carter Work Project (later renamed the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project). Each year since then, the Carters have volunteered with Habitat to build or improve houses alongside homeowners in communities across the United States and around the world. President Carter also served as a member of the organization’s board of directors from 1984 to 1987.



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Inspiring millions over the last three decades, President and Mrs. Carter have worked alongside more than 104,000 volunteers across the U.S. and in 14 countries to build, renovate, and repair 4,390 homes. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has served more than 46 million people around the world.

In 2016, Habitat named President and Mrs. Carter as the inaugural Habitat Humanitarians for their extraordinary dedication to service in alignment with Habitat's vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

To learn more about the 2024 Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project coming to Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, visit tchabitat.org/carter-work-project-2024. Photos and videos of President and Mrs. Carter volunteering with Habitat for Humanity are available at habitat.ngo/cwpphotos.

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About Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity brings people together to create, preserve, and promote affordable homeownership and advance racial equity in housing. Since 1985, more than 1,700 families have partnered with Twin Cities Habitat to unlock the transformational power of homeownership. Twin Cities Habitat is one of the highest-regarded Habitat for Humanity affiliates nationwide. tchabitat.org.

About Habitat for Humanity

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 as a grassroots effort on a community farm in southern Georgia. The Christian housing organization has since grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in local communities across all 50 states in the U.S. and in more than 70 countries. Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability, and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves. Through shelter, we empower. To learn more, visit habitat.org.