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**Join Pensacola Habitat for Humanity in
building homes, community and hope in Malawi this August**

Pensacola, FL (February 10, 2017) In a country where over 15% of children are orphaned before they turn 18, Habitat's work is playing an important role in providing housing and security for children.ⁱ This August, Pensacola Habitat for Humanity will partner with Habitat Malawi to support homebuilding efforts for these vulnerable families. A team of 12 local residents will travel to Salima, Malawi where most homes have a thatched roof and dirt floor. During the trip the team will work to build an adobe brick or cinderblock home for a family in need. On their off day, participants will visit the Kungorni Cultural Center to visit a game reserve and participate in traditional dances. The team **spend August 5th-12th with Habitat Malawi building as part of the Orphans and Vulnerable Groups Project**. The home that is constructed will be built for a family who have been orphaned by AIDS or Malaria and their caretaker. In a few years, the children will inherit the home. This will be PHFH's seventh Global Village trip since 2012 and spaces are still available to join this once in a lifetime opportunity to serve.



*NTHIRAMANJA, MALAWI (3/29/2015) --
Bertha Likeke rubs her son's head as they sit outside
their home, built as part of Habitat Malawi's
Orphans & Vulnerable Groups Program*

Mumderanji has two children, 8-year old Jeffrey and 11-year old Modestar. She lost her husband in 2011. Mumderanji is also taking care of her four younger siblings, following the death of her mother. She used to live in a small, dilapidated house and could not maintain it as she was often sick and therefore unable to earn income. She

explains: *"It was raining heavily that night. We woke up and stood in the corner of the house when we heard a loud bang. One of the corners of the house fell in. We ran outside and in a few minutes, the whole house collapsed. We lost everything."* Luckily, following the collapse of her home, Mumderanji was able to partner with Habitat for Humanity Malawi's to receive a decent, affordable place to live Mumderanji says, *"The new house comes at a time we need it most. We thank Habitat from the bottom of our hearts."*ⁱⁱⁱ

ⁱ https://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/malawi_statistics.html. Accessed 1/25/2017.

ⁱⁱ Mumderani's story and quotes provided by Habitat for Humanity International.

http://www.habitat.org/sites/default/files/malawi-2016_0.pdf. Accessed 1/25/2017.



We build strength, stability, self-reliance *and* shelter.

About Pensacola Habitat for Humanity

Founded in 1981, Pensacola Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical, Christian ministry whose purpose is to improve communities through sustainable partnerships, such as through their home buying opportunities. Housing and local economic issues are important focuses for the organization, especially with families of modest to moderate income in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. Having built and renovated over 1,200 homes, Pensacola Habitat seeks new and innovative ways to positively impact the community through various meaningful projects, including their Neighborhood Revitalization program. Pensacola Habitat for Humanity and its programs are not free; their products are earned by qualified members of the local community. For more information, visit www.pensacolahabitat.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 nearly 1,400 communities throughout 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.

About NeighborWorks America

For more than 35 years, NeighborWorks America has created opportunities for people to improve their lives and strengthen their communities by providing access to homeownership and to safe and affordable rental housing. In the last five years, NeighborWorks organizations have generated more than \$24.5 billion in reinvestment in these communities. NeighborWorks America is the nation's leading trainer of community development and affordable housing professionals.

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