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**Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County CEO Statement on the Passing of President Jimmy Carter**

December 29, 2024—New York, NY—[Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County](#), a housing justice organization that partnered with President and First Lady Carter in providing New Yorkers access to affordable homeownership for 40 years, today released the following statement from CEO Sabrina Lippman on the passing of President Jimmy Carter:

“New Yorkers and global citizens alike have lost one of our greatest advocates for affordable housing, self-help homeownership, and shelter for all. We add our voices to the chorus around the world celebrating a life well-built.

President Carter’s leadership and commitment to decent, affordable housing was rooted in his faith, belief in family, and an unwavering dedication to the idea that we can create a better life for all by lifting each other up and working together to accomplish our shared goals.

We cannot overstate our appreciation for just how much Habitat for Humanity and the people we’ve served around the world have benefited from the support of President and Mrs. Carter, may they both rest in peace.

As New Yorkers, we have a special bond with President Carter. He and Mrs. Carter’s first engagement with Habitat for Humanity was in Manhattan, when he participated in the inaugural Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Work Project at Mascot Flats on the Lower East Side in 1984—and he returned to build with us three more times, most recently in 2013.

The Habitat family has lost a tireless champion, but his legacy will endure—through every home he helped build and every home our organization continues to build across New York City and Westchester County, the nation, and the world.”

As Habitat NYC and Westchester remembers Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter and honors their joint legacy of compassion and service, please join us. We invite you to visit Mascot Flats at 742 East Sixth Street to share messages and items of tribute for Jimmy and Rosalynn. We ask the public to be mindful that this is

a residential building and to conduct your visit with consideration and respect. We also invite you to visit our Habitat NYC and Westchester ReStores at 62-01 Northern Boulevard and 470 Nepperhan Avenue to participate in our memorial door-signing activity.

**About Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County**

Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County transforms lives and communities by building and preserving affordable homes with families in need, and by uniting all New Yorkers around the cause of affordable housing. Learn more at [habitatnycwc.org](https://www.habitatnycwc.org) and connect with us on social media at @HabitatNYC\_WC.