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**Habitat for Humanity Surpasses 1 million Families Served Worldwide**

*Global total includes families in Southern Monmouth County  
supported by Coastal Habitat for Humanity*

February 17, 2015, Spring Lake Heights, NJ, – Habitat for Humanity has helped more than 1 million families—representing 5 million people in more than 70 countries—improve their living conditions since the organization was founded in 1976.

Coastal Habitat for Humanity contributed to this global effort to offer a hand up to more families in need of adequate shelter. Since 1994, Coastal Habitat has assisted hundreds of families through housing solutions, including new construction, rehabilitations, repairs and education.

“Coastal Habitat is pleased to be part of the effort to help Sandy families return home and eliminate substandard housing,” said Maureen Mulligan, executive director. “We would like to thank our sponsors, donors and volunteers for their support as we continue to improve the community. 2014 was Coastal Habitat’s most impactful year to-date.”

The organization continues to help families return home post Superstorm Sandy. As well, it is beginning preparations to construct a single family home in the Springwood Avenue section of Asbury Park. This will be Coastal Habitat’s 16<sup>th</sup> new construction home.

During its 2014 fiscal year, Habitat for Humanity served more than 300,000 families worldwide through home construction, renovations and critical home repairs or increased access to improved shelter through products and services. The table below provides a snapshot of Habitat’s global impact.

<b><i>Habitat for Humanity families served in fiscal year 2014</i></b>	
U.S. and Canada	10,209
Latin America and the Caribbean	112,436
Europe, Middle East and Africa	98,873
Asia and the Pacific	91,756
<b>Global total in fiscal year 2014</b>	<b>313,274</b>



“We are delighted to achieve this incredible milestone and have seen the positive influence a stable home can have on families,” said Jonathan Reckford, CEO of Habitat for Humanity International. “Because of a house, families have better access to health, financial security, education and employment opportunities. We want to continue building impact so that millions more people can have decent, safe places to live.”

Habitat’s global mission was made possible in fiscal year 2014 thanks to the hands and hearts of more than 2 million volunteers and the financial support of many generous donors. In addition to helping on Habitat build sites, volunteers also served as local board members, in Habitat ReStores and through affordable housing advocacy efforts.

To learn more information, view Habitat for Humanity International’s fiscal year 2014 annual report, “Because of This House...” which is now available: [www.habitat.org/support/annual-report/2014](http://www.habitat.org/support/annual-report/2014).

**About Coastal Habitat for Humanity:**

Founded in 1994, Coastal Habitat (501c3) is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Since its founding two decades ago, Coastal Habitat has built 15 single family homes, repaired 100 properties and assisted 40 Superstorm Sandy-impacted families in 18 cities in Southern Monmouth County. The organization’s Neighborhood Revitalization program is dedicated to the long-term repair, rebuild and restore of the community post-Superstorm Sandy. Proceeds from the ReStore resale store in Asbury Park, NJ ([CoastalHabitat.com/ReStore](http://CoastalHabitat.com/ReStore)) also support local NRI projects. Habitat for Humanity is funded by tax-deductible donations and built on volunteer energy. More info at [www.CoastalHabitat.org](http://www.CoastalHabitat.org).

**About Habitat for Humanity International**

Habitat for Humanity International’s vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Anchored by the conviction that housing provides a path out of poverty, since 1976 Habitat has helped more than 5 million people through home construction, rehabilitation and repairs and by increasing access to improved shelter through products and services. Habitat also advocates to improve access to decent and affordable shelter and offers a variety of housing support services that enable families with limited means to make needed improvements on their homes as their time and resources allow. As a nonprofit Christian housing organization, Habitat works in more than 70 countries and welcomes people of all races, religions and nationalities to partner in its mission. To learn more, donate or volunteer, visit [habitat.org](http://habitat.org)