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State Farm Donates \$10,000 to Support Austin Habitat’s Housing Counseling Program

(AUSTIN, TX) August 26, 2019 – Austin Habitat for Humanity is the proud recipient of a Good Neighbor Citizenship® Grant from State Farm®, supporting their Housing Counseling program. The \$10,000 award supports their highly-skilled team of HUD-certified, bilingual housing counselors, whose work is integral to the Habitat homeownership process and provides a strong positive impact on the Central Texas community.

Austin Habitat has provided financial capability workshops and intensive one-on-one counseling since 2010, reaching more than 12,000 local residents. Their counselors work every day with people and families who wish to buy Habitat homes or simply improve their credit, reduce debt, and overcome barriers to financial health and success. All Habitat homeowners receive this service, and Austin Habitat also offers their workshops and counseling to members of the general public.

Partners like State Farm allow Austin Habitat the opportunity to continue to grow their program, which leads directly to improved financial capability and confidence for Habitat homebuyers and other hardworking lower-income families in their five-county service area of Bastrop, Blanco, Caldwell, Hays and Travis Counties. Bertie Samilpa, Austin Habitat Housing Counselor, sums up Austin Habitat’s thankfulness for this ongoing support: “We’re so grateful to State Farm for their partnership, and so glad that State Farm remains committed to empowering families and communities to take charge of their futures.”

Austin Habitat served nearly 700 households in 2018 and plans to serve at least 800 this year thanks to generous donors like State Farm. They look forward to being a “Good Neighbor” and aim to create meaningful change in Central Texas through their Housing Counseling Program.

About Austin Habitat for Humanity

Since 1985, Austin Habitat for Humanity has provided over 450 affordable homes and founded the nation’s first ReStore. Driven by a vision that everyone deserves a decent place to live, we build strong, stable, and self-reliant communities in Central Texas. Learn more about Austin Habitat at austinhabitat.org.

About State Farm Good Neighbor

“We make it our business to be like a good neighbor, helping to build safer, stronger, and better-educated communities across the United States. Through our company grants, we focus on three areas: safety, education, and community development. Strong neighborhoods are the foundation of a strong society.”