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## COUNTY PARTNERS WITH HABITAT LA TO CELEBRATE NEW AFFORDABLE SINGLE-FAMILY HOME

The Martinez-Gil Family Completes Journey to Homeownership



Los Angeles, CA, February 8, 2019 – Officials from the Community Development Commission/Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (CDC/HACoLA) celebrated the grand opening of a new two-story single-family residence developed by

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles (Habitat LA). The development is a three-bedroom, two-bathroom house that includes several green features, including a drought-tolerant yard, energy efficient heating system, insulation made from recycled content, low-flow plumbing fixtures, and solar power.

The CDC/HACoLA donated the land to Habitat LA for the purpose of constructing a new home, which is being dedicated to the Martinez-Gil family, a partner family of Habitat LA. Mayra Martinez-Gil and her two



children previously lived in challenging housing conditions. Recently, Ms. Martinez-Gil

has been working with Habitat LA to become a homeowner, so she can provide a better quality of life for her children.

"This is the fifth project we have worked on with Habitat LA, and we are proud to partner with them to help families, like Ms. Martinez-Gil and her children," Monique King-Viehland, CDC/HACoLA Executive Director, said. "Homeownership not only provides families with the single largest investment of their lifetime, but helps strengthen communities, fosters independence and pride, and provides children with a stable living environment to grow."

Habitat LA is a non-profit homebuilder servicing the greater Los Angeles area. The organization brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Since 1990, Habitat LA has partnered with volunteers,



donors, and Habitat homeowners to build, renovate, and repair more than 1,300 homes locally and worldwide, to ultimately transform the lives of individuals by providing modest affordable places to call home. Habitat LA homeowners help build their own homes and pay an affordable mortgage.

For more information on Habitat LA, please contact Genetric Brown at (424) 246-3187, or visit the website at <a href="www.habitatla.org">www.habitatla.org</a>. All media may contact Elisa Vásquez, CDC/HACoLA Public Information Officer, at (626) 586-1762.