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*One more suicide is one too many*



# Habitat for Humanity Holds 6th Annual CEO Build at BBI Village

Habitat for Humanity of Broward brought together South Florida's most influential business leaders for the 6th Annual CEO Build, a transformative initiative tackling the critical need for affordable workforce housing. Held on Saturday, February 1, at the rapidly developing BBI Village community in Fort Lauderdale, the event showcased the power of collective leadership and action to create lasting, life-changing impact on homeownership for hardworking local families.

Co-chaired by Brent Burns, recently retired CEO of JM Family Enterprises, Inc., and Keith Koenig, Chairman of CITY Furniture, the CEO Build united South Florida's top leaders, who collectively lead over 400,000 employees from diverse industries to contribute their time, resources and expertise. Working side by side with Habitat, Broward homeowners and skilled volunteers, participants reaffirmed their shared commitment to making affordable workforce housing a reality in one of the nation's most cost-burdened housing markets.

"Building alongside these determined families is a powerful reminder of what's possible when a community comes together," said Burns.

The CEO Build strengthens Habitat Broward's mission of building homes, communities and hope. "We're deeply grateful for the unwavering support of our local business community," said Nancy Robin, CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Broward. "Their generosity and hands-on involvement are making a real



South Florida CEOs come together during Habitat Broward's 6th Annual CEO Build on site at BBI Village, 1924 NW 10th Ave in Fort Lauderdale.



Left to right: **Buddy Helland**, VP & Sr. Marketing Manager, Good News Media Group; **Rita Case**, President/CEO, Rick Case Automotive Group; **Melissa Garcia Villa**, Marketing & Communications Director, ThriveWell; **Gordan Chen**, Co-Founder/CEO, ThriveWell, and Principal and Board Member, ChenMed.



Left to right: **Victoria Ranger**, President/CEO, Ranger Technical Resources; **Sergio Tigera**, CEO, Gamechangers Consulting LLC; **Carla Baker**, Future Homeowner; **Keith Koenig**, CEO, City Furniture.

difference in the lives of hardworking families. Together, we're building a stronger, more equitable future."

2025 CEO Build Participating Companies Include: Advanced Roofing, GL Homes of Florida Corporation, Rogers, Morris & Ziegler LLP, Amerant Bank, Go-Tilt Construction,

Seminole Classic Casino Hollywood, American National Bank, Health Business Solutions, Seminole Hard Rock Hotel/Casino-Hollywood, Ansin Foundation, HEICO Corporation, South Florida Business Journal, AutoNation, JM Family Enterprises, Inc., Stiles Architectural Group, BrandStar, Joe

DiMaggio Children's Hospital, Sunshine Health, Burdette Beckmann, Inc. (BBI), Katz Barron, The Stacy Foundation, Casey & Matt Shore Family Fdn., KEITH and Associates, The Stiles Family Foundation, Inc., Castle Group, Miller Construction, The Thomas Family Foundation, Chip LaMarca, Moss & Associates, ThriveWell,

CITY Furniture, Ranger Technical Resources, VSRE, Encompass Onsite, Regions, WSVN-Channel 7, Rick Case Automotive Group.

For more about Habitat for Humanity of Broward and opportunities to get involved, visit [www.habitatbroward.org](http://www.habitatbroward.org).

## Al Lehman Passes Away at 66



Albert "Al" Vincent Lehman Jr. passed away on February 10, 2025, at the age of 66. Al was born on April 14, 1958. He was a resident of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Al worked for the Good News off and on for almost 20 years, most recently as Senior

Marketing Director, connecting local businesses and nonprofit organizations with the Christian newspaper to help support a strong Christian voice in South Florida.

He began his sales career in the insurance industry and later sold advertising in

the Christian Business Directory, founded by the late C. Lon Smith, before joining the Good News.

Al was a beloved father, grandfather and brother in Christ. He is survived by his children: Albert Lehman, Shane Lehman, April Lehman

Harris, Luke Arrel, Travis Lehman, Jonathan Lehman and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service is to be announced at a later date via his Facebook page.