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**CLEVELAND HABITAT HOLDS SUCCESSFUL HEARTS & HOMES GALA
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP**

CLEVELAND, OH- At this year's Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity Hearts & Homes Gala almost 200 people celebrated 30 years of Habitat for Humanity neighborhood revitalization and affordable homeownership efforts. U.S. Senator Rob Portman (OH) was the evening's honoree, thanks to his many years of service to various Habitat for Humanity affiliates and most recently his work with the Cleveland affiliate. The event was presented by Quicken Loans, Cleveland Cavaliers, Bedrock and JACK Entertainment.

The event brought in over \$130,000 to support Cleveland Habitat's affordable homeownership program and 100 Homes in Cleveland Initiative, which aims to fully-rehab 100 houses and make modest exterior repairs for 200-plus existing residents.

"We appreciate the Quicken Loans Family of Companies for being our presenting sponsor," stated John Habat, President/CEO of Cleveland Habitat. "Between the Cleveland Cavalier's \$875,000 donation from this season's watch party proceeds and the additional funds raised from this event, we will be able to fund the next 25 houses in our 100 Homes in Cleveland Initiative," concluded Habat.

Other highlights of the evening included a brief program with speakers Robert Walker of The PrivateBank and Board Chair of Cleveland Habitat, Mark Tricano, Senior Vice President of Northeast Ohio Operations for JACK Entertainment and U.S. Senator Rob Portman (OH).

"Our Family of Companies is thrilled to support Habitat for Humanity, who shares our dedication to positively impacting the local community," said Tricano. "We are excited to continue our partnership with this great organization and our team members look forward to another year of volunteering during Quicken Loans Neighborhoods Week."

Senator Portman discussed the impact of Habitat for Humanity, "over the past twenty years of volunteering I've had the opportunity to see first-hand the positive difference that Habitat for Humanity makes in the lives of many individuals and families, not only in the Cleveland region, but across Ohio and our nation. Habitat is an outstanding organization that not only provides affordable housing, but also a way for those in the community to give back and, as a result, make their communities better and safer."

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