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**COMMONWEALTH AWARDS \$10,000 GIFT TO
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ORLANDO**
*Donation and Volunteer Hours Will Contribute to the Staghorn Villas
Townhome Community*

ORLANDO, Fla. – Commonwealth Financial Network®, a national independent broker/dealer, recently made a \$10,000 donation to Habitat for Humanity Orlando. This gift will help fund the fourth building at Staghorn Villas, Habitat Orlando's first multi-family development and largest homebuilding effort to date.

This financial offering complements the "sweat equity" contributions that a group of Commonwealth employees and financial advisors will make on October 22, 2009 while in Orlando for the firm's National Conference. The group will volunteer at the Staghorn Villas build site alongside future homeowners.

"As a nonprofit, we rely heavily on the contributions from companies like Commonwealth – and as thankful as we are for their support, no one is more grateful than the families who will realize their dreams of homeownership as a result of this generosity," said Dee Danmeyer, executive director of Habitat for Humanity Orlando.

Wayne Bloom, CEO of Commonwealth added: "We recognize that many people are struggling in this economic climate – especially low-income families facing homelessness and hunger. In response, Commonwealth added community service activities to our three incentive programs, as well as our upcoming National Conference – and I speak for myself, and our employees, and our advisors, when I say that we are committed to making a difference."

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Once complete, the 3.9-acre Habitat community will provide affordable homes for 58 local families. Located on Stag Horn Drive and Silver Star Road, the development will feature 10 buildings, each of which include four to eight townhomes surrounded by green spaces and play areas. Construction at Staghorn Villas is slated for completion in 2012.

About Habitat for Humanity Orlando

Habitat for Humanity Orlando is a not-for-profit, ecumenical, Christian organization dedicated to transforming the lives of low-income, hardworking families through the American Dream of homeownership. Habitat Orlando is one of approximately 2,100 local affiliates of Habitat for Humanity International. Support from sponsors, donors and volunteers directly benefits the Central Florida community. To learn more about Habitat for Humanity Orlando or to make a donation, call (407) 648-4567 or visit www.habitat-orlando.org.

About Commonwealth Financial Network

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