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HEDGE FUND AND PRIVATE EQUITY LEADERS TRADE BRIEFCASES FOR TOOL BELTS AND BUILD AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR LOW-INCOME HABITAT-NYC FAMILIES

Hedge Fund for Habitat-NYC Volunteer-Builders Also Raise \$20,000 for Affordable Homes

Brooklyn, NY, March 21—Hedge Fund and private equity leaders traded their briefcases for tool belts today to help Habitat for Humanity - New York City build 41 affordable homes in Brooklyn. They also raised \$20,000 to help fund construction costs.

Part of Hedge Funds for Habitat-NYC, this event brought 30 volunteer-builders from the hedge fund industry together—many with no prior construction experience—to drywall rooms, saw wood, measure and cut metal studs and help frame walls. They worked side-by-side with some of the low-income families who will own these affordable condos.

The build day was sponsored by **Damian Handzy**, CEO of Investor Analytics. Handzy and six members of his staff also volunteered for the day doing construction work.

“It’s great to see so many people from the alternative investment industry coming together to give something back to the city that has been so good to us,” said **Stuart Feffer**, Chair of Hedge Funds for Habitat-NYC and Co-CEO of LaCrosse Global Fund Services. “The market has been tough this week, and it’s terrific to get people away from their screens and behind some tools.”

“We are grateful to this industry for giving both muscle and money in support of affordable homes.” said **Josh Lockwood**, Executive Director of Habitat-NYC. “Supporters of Hedge Funds for Habitat-NYC understand how important it is to invest in the human capital of our city by ensuring that all New Yorkers have decent and affordable homes.”

Robert Burch, Managing Partner of A.W. Jones, said: “It’s a great feeling to help someone build their home. Investment is such intangible work—but this is tangible. At the end of the day, you see what you’ve accomplished.”

Susan DeMaio, Senior Vice President at Pequot Capital Management, had volunteered in the past with Habitat in Bridgeport, CT, building a single-family home. She said she jumped at the invitation to join another Habitat build. “It is inspiring to work with people in the hedge fund industry and with Habitat-NYC,” DeMaio added.”

Habitat-NYC’s Atlantic Avenue complex is the largest multifamily Habitat project in the world, an innovative complex of affordable, environmentally-friendly condo homes.

About Hedge Funds for Habitat-NYC

Hedge Funds for Habitat-NYC is an effort to provide hardworking New York City families with a once-in-a-lifetime homeownership opportunity through Habitat for Humanity - New York City.

Championed by Stuart Feffer, Co-CEO of LaCrosse Global Fund Services, Hedge Funds for Habitat-NYC reaches out to supporters from hedge funds and private equity firms that recognize that there are hardworking families in New York City living in unsafe and overcrowded conditions whose life will be transformed with a Habitat home. The organization raises funds to build Habitat homes in New York City.

About Habitat for Humanity – New York City

Habitat-NYC transforms lives and our city by uniting all New Yorkers around the cause of decent, affordable housing. With the help of an average of 10,000 volunteers every year, Habitat-NYC has built more than 180 affordable homes in the five boroughs of New York City.

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