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We Welcome Ruth's Hospitality Group: Habitat's Newest Partner



The Ruth's Chris truck was a memorable sight as it parked in front of the building site at 701 Symonds Avenue.



Hungry Habitat worksite volunteers lined up eagerly as RHGI provided and served a delicious luncheon.

A Litany for Habitat, the prayer that is read at each of our home's dedications, opens with "It helps now and then to step back and take the long view."

It is always gratifying for us at Habitat to step back and acknowledge the earnest efforts of those individuals and organizations — from the volunteers, supportive city officials and enthusiastic residents to our board members and generous sponsors — responsible for our success.

In that vein, we are proud to welcome our newest sponsoring partner, Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc. (RHGI), parent company of Ruth's Chris Steak House and Mitchell's Fish Market. Representatives of the company attended the groundbreaking at 701 Symonds Ave. in Winter Park, their first sponsored Habitat home, and, coincidentally, our first collaboration with the Hannibal Square Community Land Trust.

Several dozen RHGI employees joined other volunteers at the build site in January to lug lumber, swing hammers and install siding. Ruth's Chris Steak House catered a delightful lunch that included seafood gumbo for everyone to enjoy.

RHGI was also present at the dedication of 1500 Indiana Ave., the second home they've cosponsored, and the new home of Gaby Daily and her daughter Roni. "We at Ruth's look forward to be an ongoing partner with Habitat," said RHGI President, CEO and Chairman Michael P. O'Donnell during the ceremony.

There is a line in *A Litany for Habitat* that states "This is what we are about: We plant seeds that one day will grow." Here's to planting many future seeds in the community with Ruth's Hospitality Group by our side.

Contributing to Habitat

Our community's support is always encouraged, welcomed, and appreciated. You can mail your tax deductible gift payable to "Habitat for Humanity of Winter Park-Maitland" or contribute directly at our website.

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