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13th Annual Maroon Edition House in honor of Paul Murphy, Jr. with Cadence Bank

Starkville, Miss. – November 23, 2021- Starkville Habitat for Humanity will host the 13th Annual Maroon Edition House in Honor of Paul Murphy, Jr. on December 15 at 1 p.m. at 71 Azalea Drive in Starkville. This house is made possible by a \$50,000 donation made in honor of Paul Murphy, Jr. by Cadence Bank.

Paul Murphy, Jr. is the Executive Vice Chairman of Cadence Bank. Murphy is a native of Mississippi, born and raised in Vicksburg, MS. and a proud alumnus of Mississippi State University. He served as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Cadence Bancorporation from 2009 to 2021. Previously, Murphy spent 20 years with Amegy Bank of Texas, helping to guide the institution from \$75 million in assets and one location to \$11 billion and over 85 banking centers.

Murphy is a committed advocate of the community and has served on several corporate and nonprofit boards. Currently, he serves on the boards of Oceaneering International Inc., Natural Resource Partners, Hope and Healing Center and Institute, Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Houston Complete Communities Advisory Board. Murphy is also active in YPO Gold Houston.

“We are proud to support Habitat for Humanity and their mission to provide homeownership opportunities to families in need,” said Paul Murphy, Jr. “Homeownership is part of the American Dream. Not only is it good for the economy, it provides homeowners with greater potential to accumulate wealth and secure a strong financial future. I am humbled to have this house named in my honor, and I hope it brings great possibilities to the Robertson family.”

Joel Downey, executive director of Starkville Habitat for Humanity, spoke on the importance of community partners in Oktibbeha County. Downey expressed gratitude for Cadence Bank and their donation to improve the lives of people in low-income communities.

“The importance of community partners is essential to combat the issues that plague low-income communities,” Downey said, “Cadence Bank has been a long-time supporter of Starkville Habitat for Humanity in our mission to provide decent housing to residents of Oktibbeha County.”

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Keva Robertson will share the home ceremony with her four-year-old daughter, Kaeli, and two-year-old son, Laquante Gaston Junior. Robertson expressed excitement at the prospect of moving into her own home.

“I am more than thankful,” Robertson said, “I feel so blessed and humbled to have this home.”

Starkville Habitat for Humanity is a Christian nonprofit dedicated to the elimination of substandard housing.

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