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FCCI Insurance Group Becomes First to Sponsor Home in Hammock Place, Marking the Company's Fifth Habitat for Humanity Sarasota Home

Sarasota, Fla. – October 17, 2018 – FCCI Insurance Group (FCCI) announces it is once again partnering with Habitat for Humanity Sarasota, becoming the first to fully sponsor a home in Hammock Place, a new 40-home neighborhood conveniently located just east of Beneva Road on 17th Street. This marks the fifth home FCCI has committed to financially and with volunteerism.

"FCCI cares a great deal about the communities in which we live and work," said Craig Johnson, FCCI chairman of the board, president and CEO. "Teaming up with Habitat for Humanity Sarasota to build homes allows us to help local families in need. It is also a great way to energize our teammates around something important to us all."

According to Renee Snyder, president and CEO of Habitat for Humanity Sarasota, the organization is thankful for partnerships like the one forged with FCCI as they are critical for realizing the mission to provide permanent, affordable housing solutions to income-qualified families in Sarasota. FCCI is donating funds for the home through the Community Contribution Tax Credit Program (CCTCP) created by the State of Florida to encourage private sector participation in community revitalization and housing projects. CCTCP provides an incentive through a state sales tax credit/refund to type "C" corporations in Florida that earn more than \$5,000 a year and pay one or more of various state taxes.

In addition to a financial contribution, FCCI pledges at least 200 volunteer hours to the project. As part of the philanthropic corporate culture, FCCI provides teammates with four hours of company-paid time each year to use for volunteer efforts. Many teammates go on to donate much more of their personal time to projects of choice.

"It's wonderful to see the passion and dedication to giving back to the community our teammates demonstrate every single day. I couldn't be prouder of their spirit and commitment," said Johnson.

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About FCCI – Working through independent agents in 19 states plus the District of Columbia, FCCI provides commercial property and casualty insurance to more than 17,500 policyholders and commercial and contract surety to more than 21,000 bonded principals. Established in 1959 and rated A (Excellent) by <u>A.M. Best Company</u>, FCCI is headquartered in Sarasota, Fla., and has regional and branch offices in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Mississippi, Texas and Virginia. For more information, contact us 800-226-3224 or visit <u>www.fcci-group.com</u>.

About Habitat for Humanity Sarasota - The mission of Habitat for Humanity Sarasota is to partner with God and community to provide decent, affordable housing for people in need so they may build better lives for their families. Habitat Sarasota homebuyers are qualified based on their need for decent and affordable housing, their willingness to partner by completing a minimum of 300 volunteer hours, participation in a series of homebuyer classes, and their ability to pay back a zero percent interest home loan. A dedicated, volunteer workforce provides on average 2,500 labor-hours per home. The organization builds new homes (and renovates purchased properties) with an emphasis on energy-efficient features using building materials and techniques for sustainability, culminating in lower monthly expenses for homeowners. The ReStore sells gently used furniture and home improvement materials to fund their mission. To learn more about Habitat Sarasota visit www.habitatsrq.org.