

## Becky Lucas appointed Habitat for Humanity CEO

The board of directors for Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties has named Becky Lucas as chief executive officer. Her appointment follows the recent announcement that former president and CEO Katherine "Kitty" Green accepted the position of vice president for advancement at Florida Gulf Coast University. In addition to appointing Ms. Lucas as CEO, the board has named Rick Mercer as president and Tanya Soholt as chief operating officer.



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"Our board has always been impressed with Becky's leadership and her ability to bring people together to support the cause," said Gary Aubuchon, president of Aubuchon Team of Companies and board chair for Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties. "Not only does Becky have the depth of knowledge of nearly 20 years with Habitat, but she brings a tireless passion for making affordable housing a reality for families in our region to her role as CEO."

Over a span of 19 years, Ms. Lucas has served Habitat for Humanity in various roles including volunteer, director of construction, executive director and her most recent role as vice president of community outreach. She managed the local affiliate during a time of rampant growth, overseeing the construction of 600-plus Habitat homes.

In her former role as associate director of philanthropy for The Nature Conservancy, Ms. Lucas worked with

the state of Florida's top philanthropic entities to devise their charitable giving plans, resulting in the protection of natural resources worldwide. She also served as a director of the Children's Hunger Alliance in Columbus, Ohio, where she was responsible for a USDA program that fed 5,000 inner-city children a day.

Mr. Mercer has been with Habitat for Humanity for two years, previously serving as vice president of construction. With more than 30 years of construction management and community development experience, he oversaw the construction of all new homes, rehabilitated homes and critical repairs, as well as community planning and development efforts.

Ms. Soholt has been with Habitat for Humanity since 1999. She previously served as vice president of family services, overseeing the Family Services and Senior Housing departments and monitoring the homeowner family selection process, property management and mortgage division.

### About Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties

Since 1982, 1,550 families in need of a hand up have partnered with Habitat Lee and Hendry to build or improve their homes. Habitat homeowners, alongside volunteers, help build their own homes and pay affordable mortgages. Through volunteering, financial or material donations, everyone can help Lee and Hendry county families achieve strength, stability and independence. Through shelter, we empower. For more information, visit [www.habitat4humanity.org](http://www.habitat4humanity.org).



## EHC announces completion of three SWFL projects

EHC Inc., a construction company that provides pre-construction, earthwork and infrastructure services, recently completed three projects: the new MY Shower Door North American headquarters and D3 Glass manufacturing plant, The Springs at Port Charlotte and phase three of Naples Square.



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An artists rendering of the MY Shower Door headquarters south of Fort Myers.

Chris-Tel Construction awarded EHC with the development of the MY Shower Door headquarters and D3 Glass plant on a 7½-acre campus south of Fort Myers. The project includes a 60,000-square-foot multi-purpose building with the option to expand another 10,000 square feet. EHC provided pre-construction, erosion control, clearing, pond excavation, import fill, earthwork, subgrade base and asphalt paving as well as site concrete, including sidewalks and curbing for the project.

EHC worked with Kaufman Lynn Construction to develop The Springs at Port Charlotte, an 11-building apartment complex with 256 residences plus a clubhouse, pool, lake and other amenities on 21 acres. EHC provided lake excavation, erosion control, clearing, parking lots, subgrade base, asphalt, striping, traffic signs, concrete curbs

and sidewalks, underground storm drainage, sanitary sewer, water and fire, and final grade for the Charlotte County project.

Naples Square is an enclave of luxury residences within walking distance of the downtown district's attractions. The Ronto Group engaged EHC for earthwork, grading, underground storm retention, water, sewer, fire lines, storm drainage, pervious pavers, concrete curbing and finish grading for the 77-unit building in phase three. EHC also developed phases one and two for Naples Square. Upon completion, Naples Square will have four buildings with a total of 300 residences.

Over the past 25 years, EHC has completed hundreds of construction projects in excess of hundreds of millions of dollars for a vast number of municipalities, developers, builders, owners and general contractors. ■

## SWFL hospitals will benefit from LMCU campaign

Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and NCH Healthcare System are among the dozen kids' health care institutions to receive funds raised by Lake Michigan Credit Union in its fifth annual Band Together campaign.

LMCU members and staff throughout Michigan and Southwest Florida are encouraged to Band Together to donate and this year raised \$70,435.27, representing a 76% increase from last year, according to Alexis Reame, community relations manager for the credit union.

In other news, LMCU has awarded a Grand Rapids, Mich., family the company's seventh annual \$50,000 Home Makeover prize.

The winning entry was drawn from a pool of more than 470,000 entries. The winner and her two daughters were presented with a check for \$50,000 on June 13 at LMCU's Knapps Corner branch as dozens of LMCU employees cheered in the background.

The homeowner said she plans to use part of the money for home improvement projects, including building a kids' hangout in their basement, but she also went on to describe what this money means beyond just dollars and cents: "We've had a rough two years ... I'm a recently single mom of these two amazing girls, and this will help me keep my girls safe and ensure that I can take care of them."

For LMCU President and CEO Sandy Jelinski, presenting a check to the sweepstakes winner has become a yearly treat.

"It's very gratifying to see the big prize go to such a powerful mother and loving



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LMCU Chief Marketing Officer/Senior VP Don Bratt, left, and President/CEO Sandy Jelinski, right, with the family that won the credit union's \$50,000 home makeover prize.

family," she said. "It's also nice to see the winnings go to an active LMCU member."

Digital entries were taken online at [www.LMCU.org](http://www.LMCU.org) and at LMCU ATMs, with paper entries available at all LMCU branch locations and expo events. Entrants also increased their odds of winning when friends entered the giveaway through a Facebook link. The campaign stretched across multiple media, including television, radio, print, outdoor, point of sale, internet, social networks and member communications.

With more than 444,000 members, Lake Michigan Credit Union employs a staff of 1,300-plus, has assets exceeding \$6.38 billion and a mortgage serviced portfolio of more than \$10 billion. Its 55 branch locations include 10 in Southwest Florida. ■

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