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Six local families receive home renovations from Festa Italiana donation

\$30,000 donation largest in its history with help from Xerox Complete Document Solutions of Maryland

Thanks to the generosity of numerous sponsors, hundreds of volunteers, and over 1600 attendees, Festa Italiana 2015 raised over \$30,000 for Habitat of Humanity of Frederick County (HFHFC). In concert with the kick off of Italian-American Heritage Month, Festa Italiana chairwoman, Maria Giovanna Galasso Melillo presented the check for \$31,516 to Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County, MD on October 1st at the Xerox Complete Document Solutions of Maryland. Xerox was the presenting sponsor of Festa Italiana 2015. Presenting the check with Ms. Galasso was Mr. Sam Vitale, president of Xerox. Receiving the check for Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County were Executive Director, Ron Cramer and Board president, Ken Dunnington.

Festa Italiana, now preparing for its fourth year, is an event that celebrates Italian culture while raising valuable funds for Habitat. It is held at Rose Hill Manor each year in late spring and draws large numbers of visitors. The event is a day full of great fun, authentic Italian food and wine, and wonderful entertainment. Visitors can enjoy everything from grape stomping to the Italian market, and to live performances throughout the day including headliner The Sicilian Tenors, all for one low entry price. The purpose of the day is to promote and celebrate Italian and Italian-American culture and heritage while raising funds and awareness for Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County, MD. These funds support the efforts of Habitat to provide hardworking families with decent, safe, obtainable and affordable housing in Frederick County.

Ron Cramer, the Executive Director of HFHFC, said "We truly value the opportunity to spend the day with members of our community while raising valuable funds to continue our efforts to provide affordable housing solutions in Frederick County. Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers and attendees, your contributions mean a great deal to this organization". Maria Giovanna Galasso Melillo, the event's chair, agrees. "It's an opportunity for the community to come together to support a local cause while enjoying and exploring the many facets of the Italian culture."

Samuel Vitale, president of Xerox Complete Document Solutions of Maryland, said "CDS Xerox was very happy to be a major sponsor of Frederick's Festa Italiana 2015, whose proceeds helped to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Their work is crucial to building a great community we can all call home."

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Festa Italiana returns to Frederick on June 11, 2016. Homemade mouthwatering food, wine, live music, entertainment, art, culture, and kids' corner will make it a perfect day for the whole family to enjoy while supporting a worthy cause. Xerox Complete Document Solutions of Maryland has already confirmed its partnership with Festa Italiana, returning as the "*Magnifico*" presenting sponsor for 2016. For more information about available sponsorships, volunteer opportunities, or pre-event ticket sales, contact HFHFC's Director of Community Development, Bethany Miller, at (301) 698-2449 or at bethany.miller@frederickhabitat.org or info@festaitalianafrederick.com

About Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County:

Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County is a non-profit ecumenical Christian housing ministry, which invites people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need. Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. For more information about Habitat for Humanity of Frederick County, please visit our website at www.frederickhabitat.org.