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**Weaver Private Foundation Names
Habitat for Humanity as 2015-16 Charity of Choice
*Weaver employees participate in volunteer opportunities across the state***

DALLAS-FORT WORTH, TEXAS (August 23, 2016) – The [Weaver Private Foundation](#) named [Habitat for Humanity](#) as the Charity of Choice for the fiscal year 2015-16. The Foundation contributed a total of \$60,000 to Habitat for Humanity Texas to distribute to Habitat affiliates in locations where [Weaver](#), the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest, has offices.

Habitat was an obvious choice based on this year's theme of "Neighborhood and Community Development" with a focus on housing and shelter. The Foundation board members felt that through Habitat, those in need in local communities could be supported through Weaver employees' participation with Habitat. Nearly 100 Weaver employees volunteered at six locations throughout Texas to help build homes for families in need.

"A goal of the Weaver Private Foundation is to promote community involvement by providing enriching opportunities for our employees," said Andy Freundlich, CPA, assurance partner and a Foundation board member. "As a firm, we came together to serve each of our communities, and we enjoyed working on these important projects together."

Volunteers participated in projects coordinated by Austin Habitat for Humanity, Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity, Trinity Habitat for Humanity in Fort Worth, Houston Habitat for Humanity, Midland Habitat for Humanity and Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio. Weaver volunteers spent a day helping each Habitat with specific projects associated with building homes for families in need. At each location, volunteers assisted with specific tasks including laying sod, installing scaffolding, roof shingling and much more.

"Weaver is pleased to support Habitat in the communities where we live and work," said John Mackel, managing partner and CEO. "Giving back is an important part of our culture. When our employees participate in activities like this, it's an impactful experience for everyone."

"Weaver has a history of making a difference in the communities it serves, just like Habitat," said Amy Ledbetter Parham, executive director at Habitat for Humanity Texas. "They are vital partners with us in making a difference in Texas. It was a privilege to see how each Weaver team across six cities could bring the same dedication to service."

About Weaver

Founded in 1950, Weaver currently has 600 employees and offices in nine cities across the United States. Weaver is ranked the largest independent accounting firm in the Southwest by *Accounting Today* magazine. The firm is also ranked the 39th largest firm in the United States and a ‘2015 Best of the Best Firm to Watch’ by *INSIDE Public Accounting*.

Weaver serves a broad range of clients including public and private national and international companies, nonprofit organizations and government entities. In addition to traditional assurance and tax services, Weaver also provides numerous advisory services, including risk advisory, transaction advisory, IT advisory, energy compliance and consulting, forensics and litigation, international tax, property tax, state and local tax, and wealth strategies services. Learn more at www.weaver.com.

About the Weaver Private Foundation

The [Weaver Private Foundation](#) (Foundation) was created to sponsor organizations, events and programs in the communities in which our employees live and work. The Foundation’s efforts emphasize the firm’s commitment to corporate responsibility, community involvement and employee work and life integration. Because Weaver employees value community involvement in their professional and personal lives, it is the goal of the Foundation to involve our employees in the contributions made and the efforts represented. Since its establishment, the Foundation has donated more than \$600,000 to local charities.

About Habitat for Humanity Texas

Habitat for Humanity Texas serves the state’s 82 affiliates through resource development, training and technical assistance, disaster preparedness and legislative advocacy to build homes, communities and hope. Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Texas create more than \$127,000,000 in economic impact. www.habitattexas.org

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