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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – NEW YORK CITY’S NOV. 7th GALA HONORS
SUSAN SARANDON, ROGER GOLDMAN, REV. DR. CALVIN O. BUTTS III,
MAUREEN O’REILLY, JULIA HODGSON AND SUZANNE HALBARDIER

Habitat for Humanity – New York City hosted its 7th Annual Builder Awards Gala today at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and saluted the following honorees:

- **Susan Sarandon**, *Social Justice Award*;
- **Roger Goldman**, Latham & Watkins, *Corporate Partner of the Year*;
- **The Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts III**, *Richard Wong Faith in Action Award*;
- **Maureen O’Reilly, Julia Hodgson** and **Suzanne Halbardier**, *Leadership Award*; and
- **The Murphy Family**, *Family Partner of the Year*

Designers, architects and other home improvement specialists offered their expert services as part of a live auction led by *Today Show* weatherman **Al Roker**, who emceed the program.

Actress **Susan Sarandon**, a frequent volunteer on Habitat-NYC construction sites, is being honored for her longtime support of Habitat homes and other social justice issues.

Roger Goldman of Latham & Watkins is being honored for his contribution to the success of Buildable Hours, Inc., a national non-profit organization of law firms that provides financial and physical resources to build Habitat homes. Goldman founded Buildable Hours, Inc. in 2001.

A powerful advocate—and builder—of housing and social justice, **Rev. Dr. Calvin O. Butts III** is pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church and founder of the Abyssinian Development Corporation, which has created a strong community of homes and businesses in Harlem

Maureen O’Reilly, Julia Hodgson and **Suzanne Halbardier** are dedicated leaders of Habitat for Humanity - New York City. They are being honored for their years of commitment and service as former board chairs.

After putting more than 300 hours of sweat equity into their new Habitat-NYC home in Queens, **Michael and Gladys Murphy** hammered the final nail, spackled the last wall and settled into their house last spring. They are being honored for their hard work, dedication and determination to overcome personal challenges.

Gala Co-Chairs were: **Les Bluestone**, Blue Sea Development Company; **Katherine Farley** and **Jerry Speyer**, Tishman Speyer Properties; **Steven Freiberg**, Citigroup; **John Kwon**, Deloitte Financial Advisors; **Doug Paul**, Credit Suisse; **Connie Sargent**, Habitat-NYC; and **Alan H. Fishman**, Sovereign Bank.

Habitat-NYC transforms lives and our city by uniting all New Yorkers around the cause of decent, affordable housing. With the help of an average of 10,000 volunteers every year, Habitat-NYC has built more than 160 homes in all five boroughs of New York City.

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