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**OCAPA Makes Meaningful and Significant Donation
to Harbor House of Central Florida**

~ Rick Singh leads agency staff in collecting 1,000 pillows ~

Orlando, FL – The staff of the **Orange County Property Appraiser’s Office (OCAPA)** has collected and donated more than **1,000 bed pillows** to **Harbor House of Central Florida**. Every survivor of domestic abuse who turns to Harbor House for shelter, receives a brand-new bed pillow upon arrival for themselves and their family members. One can only imagine the relief they feel when they finally rest their head on a brand-new pillow on their very first night of safety.

The OCAPA team – some 140 strong – took on this challenge as their **“OCAPA Season of Gratitude and Giving”** commitment. Harbor House estimates an annual need for 700 pillows and OCAPA collected more than 1,000. Members of the OCAPA team – led by **Property Appraiser Rick Singh** – delivered the pillows today.

“Every year, OCAPA partners with local charitable organizations and my amazing staff collects and donates food, school supplies, toys ... and now pillows!” said Singh. “We are proud to serve this community through our work and even prouder to support groups who address the needs of vulnerable populations. Harbor House supports individuals who are seeking a life free of violence for themselves and their families. We are humbled to play a part in supporting those efforts.”

“Last year, more than 900 Orange County residents needed to stay in our shelter because they were in imminent danger,” stated **Michelle Sperzel, Harbor House of Central Florida CEO**. “Each time, we’ve needed new pillows and other basic household items to support these survivors who mostly arrive with only the clothes they’re wearing. We’re grateful to Rick Singh and the entire OCAPA team for providing us with a year’s worth of pillows. These residents deserve to have a safe and soft place to lay their heads as they begin recovery from the violence they’ve endured.”

About OCAPA

The Orange County Property Appraiser’s office (OCAPA) provides a fair and equitable tax roll, remarkable service and superior professionalism. The office also assists taxpayers with applying for homestead and other exemptions as well as understanding their Truth-In-Millage (TRIM) Notices each year. Under Rick Singh’s leadership, OCAPA has returned more than \$1 billion in value to the tax roll through compliance initiatives. An award-winning agency, OCAPA was recognized in 2019 with a Gold Stevie® Award and Customer Service Team of the Year by the American Business Awards®, and by the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) with its prestigious “Certificate of Excellence in Assessment,” earned by less than 1% of assessment authorities. The Agency has also been honored by the Center for Digital Government with a 2018 “Digital Government Experience” Award citing its effective online strategies for meeting constituent needs.

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