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Alachua Habitat for Humanity Celebrates Two Completed Homes and Welcomes Newest Homeowners

Gainesville, FL – For two local families, the big day is almost here. On Thursday, January 12th, at 9:30 AM, Alachua Habitat for Humanity will welcome the new homeowners to their newly constructed homes that they helped to build with their very own hands.

Like all Alachua Habitat homes, these were fueled by volunteers, donors, and future homeowners. Because volunteers gave the gift of their time and their talents, and our generous donors gave monetary contributions, these new homeowners will start to pay an affordable mortgage and will achieve the strength, stability, and self-reliance they need to build a better future.

Alachua Habitat for Humanity works to eliminate barriers to a better, healthier, more financially stable life. Alachua Habitat builds homes for families who have a need for housing, have demonstrated the ability to pay a modest mortgage, and are willing to partner through sweat equity volunteering. These homes are not given away, rather homeowners take on the responsibility of paying a mortgage they can afford. Their sweat equity requirement consists of 250 hours working on their own home, working on the homes of others, and attending homeownership and financial literacy workshops.

Thanks to the generosity of the house sponsors, Eye of the Eagle Wildlife Foundation, Bank of America, and Clay Electric Co-Op, two more Alachua County residents will receive the keys to their new homes. “My two greatest accomplishments are my wonderful children and getting approved for the Alachua Habitat Homeownership Program,” says Curnika, one of the two future Alachua Habitat homeowners. “I would like to tell all supporters, donors, and volunteers of Alachua Habitat how thankful I am for this opportunity to give my children a safe and stable place to call home.”

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Founded in 1986, Alachua Habitat for Humanity is the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. We envision a world where everyone has a decent place to live and we work towards that vision by bringing people together to build strength, stability, and independence through shelter. To accomplish these goals, we invite people of all backgrounds, races, and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need of affordable housing. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Alachua Habitat has built 167 homes in the local community. Habitat houses are sold to homeowner families financed with mortgages they can afford. For more information visit www.alachuahabitat.org