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Alachua Habitat for Humanity and Bryan Builders Break Ground for the Johnson Family, Joined by Florida Gators Football Student-Athletes

Gainesville – The Johnson family is about to mark a significant milestone on their journey to homeownership, and the community is warmly invited to join in on the celebration. The groundbreaking ceremony is set to begin at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31st, 2024, at the construction site located at 657 NE 16th Terrace, Gainesville 32641. The event will feature representatives from Alachua Habitat for Humanity, Bryan Builders, the Johnson Family and special appearances including Florida Gators Football Student-Athletes Graham Mertz (Quarterback), Montrell Johnson Jr. (Running Back), and Jason Marshall Jr. (Cornerback).

Corenda, a devoted single mother of three (ages 12, 4, and 2), is thrilled about her new home. A Gainesville native, Corenda returned to the Swamp after high school and currently works as a Medical Assistant at HCA North Florida. She is thrilled about the prospect of a peaceful and organized home for her family, marking a significant step toward stability and comfort.

Stephenie Bryan, Vice President of Marketing and Business of Bryan Builders, "The Bryan Builders Team is so blessed to be a part of another family's journey to affordable homeownership! Through our partnership with Alachua Habitat, we have learned how life changing this process can be for these families and we look forward to every opportunity to be on site and help make their dreams a reality. We are also grateful for our partnership with Florida Victorious and every student athlete that works on these projects to give back to their community and help to grow awareness of this amazing organization!"

Stevie Doyle, the Executive Director of Alachua Habitat for Humanity, conveyed her enthusiasm for the Johnson family. Speaking on the upcoming construction, Doyle mentioned, "We could not be more grateful for our incredible sponsor, Bryan Builders, and for this collaboration with Florida Victorious. Student-athletes from different Gator sports teams will be actively involved in constructing this home,

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creating lasting memories for Corenda's children."

The groundbreaking ceremony promises to be a significant occasion, attended by representatives from Alachua Habitat for Humanity, Bryan Builders, members of the Florida Gators Football team, and the Johnson family and friends. The public is warmly invited to share in this special event, witnessing the community coming together to build hope and homes.

Bryan Builders is a family-owned General Contracting firm that specializes in the industrial, commercial and e-commerce industries throughout the U.S. As a dedicated team of construction professionals, we bring over 150 years of combined experience to the table for our clients. We believe in establishing a culture that operates on integrity and always putting the client's needs first. Our team strives to create relationships with our partners that are built upon trust, respect, and honesty. Here at Bryan Builders, we can show you a new level of dedicated service and the highest standards of quality and safety!

Florida Victorious mirrors the characteristics of Gator Nation. We are passionate. We are trustworthy. We are competitive. And we are bold. Partnered with the University Athletic Association, Athletic Director Scott Stricklin, and Gator coaching staff, Florida Victorious will be a powerful force for good in the University of Florida community by empowering student-athletes to harness their Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) for good, on-and off-the-field.

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