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**ALACHUA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RECEIVES \$40,000 LOWE'S GRANT FOR GREATER DUVAL
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION**

Lowe's Heroes to enhance the new Greater Duval Community Garden

Gainesville, Florida (June 28, 2018) — Alachua Habitat for Humanity has been awarded a \$40,000 grant from Lowe's to revitalize the Greater Duval neighborhood in Gainesville as part of Habitat for Humanity's nationwide Neighborhood Revitalization program, which serves families through community development partnerships. Lowe's awarded \$1.48 million in grants to 16 local Habitat organizations across the country to support more than 84 community improvement projects ranging from neighborhood planning to critical home repairs.

Alachua Habitat for Humanity will partner with the Greater Duval Neighborhood Association to use the funds to host a summer college and technical career exploration program, a medical career exploration program, and a back-to-school "Backpacks for Beautification" event where children will work with LOWE'S HEROES on beautification projects in exchange for backpacks. The highlight of the activities, called LOWE'S POST-LABOR DAY LABOR OF LOVE, will be held in Duval Park on September 8, 2018 with an estimated 30 LOWE'S HEROES on site to add a shade structure, toolsheds, benches, and raised wheelchair accessible planting beds.

"We are so grateful to Lowe's for their generous support in our community and around the U.S.," said Scott Winzeler, executive director of Habitat for Humanity. "Through their support of this program, we are able to provide empowering and meaningful opportunities for the youth of Greater Duval, and improve conditions in the neighborhood by building safe, stable communities."

Through Neighborhood Revitalization efforts, Alachua Habitat for Humanity offers an array of housing services and partners with local residents, housing leaders, community groups, and businesses to transform neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life in communities.

"Lowe's shares Habitat's vision that having a safe, stable home helps bring strength, security and independence to families and ultimately communities," said Colleen B. Penhall, Lowe's vice president of corporate social responsibility. "It's important for us to support Habitat's Neighborhood Revitalization program and help revive neighborhoods like Greater Duval, making them places where people love to live."

A national Habitat for Humanity partner since 2003, Lowe's has committed more than \$63 million to help more than 17,000 families improve their living conditions. Each year, Lowe's provides grants and volunteer assistance to local affiliates, supports National Women Build Week and conducts how-to clinics at stores to teach volunteers construction skills.

About Alachua Habitat for Humanity

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 self-reliance through shelter. To accomplish these goals, we invite people of all backgrounds, races, and religions to build houses together in partnership with local families in need of affordable housing. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Alachua Habitat has built more than 135 homes in the local community. Habitat houses are sold to homeowner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans. For more information visit www.alachuahabitat.org

About Lowe's in the Community

Lowe's, a FORTUNE® 50 home improvement company, has a 60-year legacy of supporting the communities it serves through programs that focus on K-12 public education and community improvement projects. In the past decade, Lowe's and the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation together have contributed nearly \$300 million to these efforts, and for more than two decades Lowe's Heroes volunteers have donated their time to make our communities better places to live. For the latest news, visit Newsroom.Lowes.com or follow [@LowesMedia](https://twitter.com/LowesMedia) on Twitter.

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