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### **Charles Perry Partners, Inc., Santa Fe College Student Builders, and Habitat for Humanity kick off #GivingTuesday with Topping Out Ceremony**

**Gainesville, FL** – In celebration of #GivingTuesday, Santa Fe College Student Builders Association is sponsoring a Topping Out Ceremony for the Alachua Habitat for Humanity house being built by students and apprentices at Santa Fe college’s Charles R. Perry Construction Institute. This Habitat house is funded by Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (CPPI), the whole-house sponsors for this project. The ceremony will take place on **November 29, 2016** at **10:00 am** at the **Charles R. Perry Construction Institute (Building O) at Santa Fe College.**

#GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration, and is the perfect opportunity to kick off the charitable season by highlighting the importance of local community partners’ collaborations and contributions. In the spirit of #GivingTuesday, CPPI will be presenting a check for the whole house sponsorship to Alachua Habitat. “CPPI is honored to partner with Habitat for Humanity and Santa Fe College on this project. We value every opportunity to give back to the Gainesville community and in this scenario help provide a new home for a family to live in and build a brighter future,” said John Carlson, CEO of CPPI.

Alachua Habitat’s partnership with Santa Fe College facilitates the training of construction professionals and helps further the organization’s mission to provide affordable housing. This is the 7<sup>th</sup> house built in collaboration with the College. The Santa Fe VII home is especially unique as it is fully sponsored by local business, CPPI. CPPI has been a tireless supporter of many community organizations.

In building construction, the “Topping Out” Ceremony is a rite traditionally held when the highest beam or structural element has been placed. It is a sign that a construction project has reached its literal apex and the event marks a pivotal moment in both the construction of the house as well as the journey to homeownership for a local family.

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**About CPPI:**

CPPI specializes in educational, governmental, healthcare, institutional and commercial construction. CPPI’s Principals include: Breck A. Weingart, Chairman; John V. Carlson, CEO; and Brian K. Leslie, COO.

CPPI is one of Florida's leading general contractors, construction managers and design-builders. Since 1968, the firm has established a tradition of excellence by providing an impressive array of services for public and private sector clients. CPPI's services cover a wide range of expertise including project planning and modeling, budget estimating and cost management, project scheduling and construction. [www.cpqi.com](http://www.cpqi.com)

**About Santa Fe College's Building Construction Program:**

Construction on the house is performed by students from Santa Fe College's construction management program, a Department of Labor grant-funded program for training in manufactured construction. The apprenticeship program, as well as a year-long plumbing technology course, is sponsored by the Builders Association of North Central Florida (BANCF). The partnership with Habitat for Humanity provides students an opportunity to gain practical experience in their fields while contributing to the local community. [www.sfcollge.edu](http://www.sfcollge.edu)

**About Alachua Habitat for Humanity:**

Alachua Habitat for Humanity supports its homeownership program through donations, grants, and principal payments from family partners. Habitat is a hand-up to a homeowner not a hand-out - all homeowners assume an affordable mortgage for their homes at the end of their 400 committed sweat equity hours. The principal paid by Habitat partner families is then used to build more homes, allowing Habitat homeowners the opportunity to pay forward the gift of homeownership. [www.alachuahabitat.org](http://www.alachuahabitat.org)