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## Wall Raising Ceremony to Mark Beginning of Construction for Habitat Home in Devonshire Hills Neighborhood

**Gainesville, FL** – Alachua Habitat for Humanity is celebrating the beginning of their 131<sup>st</sup> home build with a wall raising ceremony on **Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at 3821 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Ave**, in east Gainesville's Devonshire Hills neighborhood.

The journey to build a new home is a long process, which requires significant contributions from volunteers, sponsors, and the homeowner. Wayne Lawrence, his family, as well as volunteers from Satchel's Pizza and First Magnitude Brewery will be building walls Monday morning. They'll take a break at 10:30 am to celebrate with a wall raising ceremony when the walls will be lifted to create the frame of the home. Participants and attendees will have the opportunity to write prayers and messages on the frame to commemorate the event and express well wishes for the Lawrence family. The wall raising ceremony marks the beginning of the final phase and the start of the physical build process.

The house is sponsored by Satchel's Pizza and in the true Gainesville spirit of partnership, UF Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter, along with employees and customers from Satchel's Pizza and First Magnitude Brewery, will contribute volunteers throughout the build cycle, which typically lasts about eight months.

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### About Satchel's Pizza:

Satchel's Pizza is a local, family owned restaurant which opened in 2003. Satchel's is committed to paying employees a living wage and giving back to the community through grants to local non-profits. Satchel's supports the arts by showcasing the work of local artists and the music of local bands. Satchel's pizza, salads, sodas, and desserts are all homemade. At Satchel's, they strive to provide a unique experience, a relaxing environment, and, most importantly, good food.

### 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 the families we partner with the opportunity to pay forward the gift of homeownership.

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