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### **New Home on the Move! Habitat for Humanity's and Santa Fe College's Home Number VI Set To Roll to Home Destination Thursday**

**Gainesville** – A new Alachua Habitat for Humanity (AHFH) home constructed indoors at Santa Fe College's Charles R. Perry Construction Institute is set to roll to its final destination at **512 NW 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue on Thursday, May 19**. The house leaves Santa Fe College's facility in two parts starting at 9:00 am and will arrive on-site at approximately 9:45 am.

The NW 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue land was acquired by the Santa Fe College Foundation and Citizen's State Bank sponsored the home construction. The house will soon become home to Shereka Curtis and her five children.

"These homes are part of a unique and very collaborative project," AHFH Executive Director Scott Winzeler said. "The program allows a AHFH partner family a hand-up opportunity to become a first-time homeowner – many times the first person in the family's history to own a home; and the partnership with Santa Fe College allows quite a few students and apprentices a hands-on construction experience while pursuing their education."

The home is built at the college in two sections and then each section is transported separately. When construction is completed on the home and ready to move, each section is jacked up and loaded by crane on to a trailer and then slowly transported to the home site. At the home site, a crane then lifts each of the home sections off the semi- trailer and sets them into place on the home's foundation. After the home is set, a front porch, back porch, driveway and landscaping will be added by Alachua Habitat partners and volunteers.

Alachua Habitat for Humanity supports its homeownership program through donations, grants, and principal payments from family partners. Habitat is a hand-up to a home owner 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 Family Partners is then used to build more homes, allowing our families the opportunity to pay forward the gift of homeownership.

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