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Alachua Women Build honors a legacy with the ground-breaking of their 11th house

Gainesville, FL – Alachua Habitat for Humanity’s Women Build chapter is celebrating the beginning of their 11th home build with a ground-breaking ceremony on **Saturday, November 4th at 1:00 pm at 1326 NE 15th Street**. This event will celebrate the start of a new build project as well as honor a Women Build benefactor, Toni Chiara.

Toni Chiara was an integral part of Alachua Women Build, a program that mentors women of all ages and backgrounds in construction techniques while participating in a Habitat build. A very dedicated volunteer, Toni participated in builds on numerous Saturdays, served on the steering committee, and acted as site supervisor of Women Build House #4. Toni was a tireless worker and excelled at whatever task she performed, whether on a Women Build site or in her professional work as a physical therapist and researcher at the VA. Toni passed away in March 2016, leaving a generous contribution that allowed this 11th Women Build house to become a reality.

Jasmine and her three young children will eventually call the Toni Chiara Memorial House their home. Like Toni, Jasmine is a hard worker and she has qualified to become a Habitat homeowner by meeting several criteria including working 200 hours on other Habitat projects and doing community service. Now she will put in 200 hours more helping build her own house.

This Saturday afternoon, Jasmine, her family, Toni’s colleagues at the VA, and volunteers and supporters of Alachua Women Build will come together to honor Toni’s legacy and to bless Jasmine’s family and home-to-be.

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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 independence through shelter. To accomplish these goals, we invite people of all backgrounds, races, and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need of affordable housing. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Alachua Habitat has built more than 130 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