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Satchel's Pizza and UF Habitat Team Up to Build Habitat House for Local Single Dad

Gainesville, FL – Alachua Habitat for Humanity, along with Satchel's Pizza, the UF Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter, and Wayne's family are excited to celebrate the culmination of months of hard work with a home dedication ceremony on **Saturday, June 17, at 9:30 am**. The home dedication will take place at Wayne's new house located at **3821 SE 19th Ave** in Gainesville.

The completion of the Wayne's house in east Gainesville's Devonshire Hills neighborhood marks the success of Satchel's first house sponsorship. In addition to funding the majority of the project, Satchel's Pizza held 11 volunteer days throughout the nine-month build process where the business provided meals and volunteers from Satchel's employee and customer base. Satchel's Pizza also partnered with another local favorite, First Magnitude Brewery, to recruit additional volunteers who worked tirelessly beside the homeowners and UF Habitat volunteers to build a safe, affordable home.

The UF Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter works in collaboration with Alachua Habitat for Humanity to build decent, affordable housing for families in Alachua County. UF Habitat has participated in numerous local Habitat projects over the years, but this project marks the second home build for which they have taken primary leadership on – UF Habitat members served as team leaders for the entire nine-month build cycle, and the campus chapter's volunteers base built the house for all build days other than the 11 days set aside for Satchel's Pizza build days. "We are so honored to have had the opportunity to work with Wayne on his house," said Tristen Townsend, UF Habitat Chapter President, "He is kind-hearted, dedicated, and utterly deserving and it has been such a pleasure and privilege to work alongside him. Seeing the culmination of the effort and love put into each build day is extraordinary; the community truly came together as one to build this house and UF Habitat could not be more thrilled for Wayne and his family to finally call it his home."

Wayne, who works as a school crossing guard, is excited to move into his new home and spend time with his children and grandchildren in his very own yard. He and his family are grateful for all of the support and new friendships build during the last nine months. Not only will Wayne's family have a safe, decent, and affordable, home to call their own, but this house will be a symbol to the community that reflects compassion, partnership, and perseverance.

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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