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Alachua Habitat for Humanity Announces 150th Home Dedication

Alachua, FL –Alachua Habitat for Humanity announces the completion of their 150th and 151st houses. With Habitat’s mission to build homes, communities, and hope, homeowners Tasha and Nikki will celebrate the dedication of their new homes on **Thursday February 27th at 6:00 p.m.** The home dedication celebrations will take place at **3504 SE 22nd Terrace, Gainesville.**

House #150 was sponsored by the Gainesville Interfaith community with contributions from congregations of differing faiths including Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Muslim. In addition, the Interfaith house was supported through a generous grant from Publix Charities and the Florida Realtors Association. House #151 was made possible through a unique financing arrangement with Alachua Habitat Board member, Cheryl Scott. Alachua County donated the property for both houses. The collaboration with Habitat, the Interfaith community, Publix Charities, Florida Realtors, and Alachua County continues Habitat’s mission to provide safe, affordable housing in our community.

For new homeowners Tasha and Nikki, moving into Habitat homes means an opportunity to live in dwellings that are healthy and in a neighborhood that is safe. In her current apartment, Tasha, an RTS bus driver, has had to keep her two boys indoors due to a string of burglaries that have occurred in her current neighborhood that make her feel unsafe. Also, unlike her rent, her Habitat mortgage will not escalate each year enabling her to stay in one home for a long time. Nikki, a CNA and home healthcare assistant will be moving from an apartment that had mold growing on the walls and where it was difficult to get her landlord to repair her appliances. The reality of homeownership is possible for these hard-working women thanks to the support of financial sponsors, Alachua Habitat for Humanity, and the numerous volunteers and community sponsors who donated time, money, and materials along the way.

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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 self-reliance through shelter. To accomplish these goals, we invite people of all backgrounds, races, and religions to build houses together in partnership with local families in need of affordable housing. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Alachua Habitat has built more than 135 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