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Alachua Habitat for Humanity Announces 160th and 10th Interfaith House Dedication

Gainesville, FL—Alachua Habitat for Humanity announces the completion of their 160th house. With Habitat's mission to build homes, communities, and hope, homeowner Mary will celebrate the dedication of her new home on **Wednesday September 1st at 9:00 a.m.** The home dedication celebration will take place at **650 NE 15th Terrace, Gainesville.**

House #160 is the 10th house sponsored by a unique collaboration of Gainesville Interfaith congregations with contributions and volunteer support from differing faith communities including Protestants, Catholics, Muslims and Jews. In addition, the Interfaith house was supported through a generous \$30,000 grant from Publix Charities and a \$10,000 grant from the Florida Realtors Association. The collaboration with Habitat, the Interfaith community, Publix Charities, and Florida Realtors continues Habitat's mission to provide safe, affordable housing in our community.

For new homeowner Mary, moving into a Habitat home means an opportunity to live in a dwelling that is healthy and in a neighborhood that is safe. When Mary's husband passed away a few years ago, she no longer could afford the rent to the apartment they shared, so she and her two sons moved into her mother's home which was already crowded with other family members. Mary is grateful to the homeownership classes she attended through Habitat which taught her how to be a successful homeowner, giving her confidence she could afford a Habitat mortgage and take care of her new home. The Habitat mission lives out an inspirational quote she lives by, "What God has for you, is just for you." Once she is moved in, Mary looks forward to hosting a seafood boil for her extended family.

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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 160 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