



We build strength, stability, self-reliance, *and* shelter.

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Moving to a new residence requires a lot of logistics and planning. Actually moving the residence itself requires even more detail. On May 20, Gainesville residents may catch a glimpse of just that—a house moving down the road, on its way to a new family and future.

For the 11th year, Alachua Habitat for Humanity partners with the Santa Fe College Construction and Technical programs to build a house at the college. When the house is ready for permanent location, it is moved in pieces to a building site, where it will get the finishing touches for new owners.

“This is great collaboration between our organization, the college, and its apprenticeship programs,” said Alachua Habitat for Humanity Chief Development Officer Scott Winzeler. “There is a chronic need for people in the construction trades, and this partnership provides hands-on experience to apprentices and serves a Habitat family.”

Sections of the house will be loaded onto trailers, which will make their way to the homesite at 1713 NE 3rd Avenue in Gainesville. A SHOP (Self Help Homeownership Program) grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provided the funds for the purchase of the land for the homesite.

Alachua Habitat for Humanity supports its homeownership program through donations, grants, and principal payments from family partners. Habitat is a hand-up to a homeowner 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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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 local families in need of affordable housing. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Alachua Habitat has built more than 150 homes in the local community. Habitat sells the houses to homeowner families at no profit utilizing mortgages homeowners can afford. For more information visit www.alachuahabitat.org.

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