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United Church of Gainesville member anonymously donates \$100,000 to Alachua Habitat for Humanity

Gainesville – Alachua Habitat for Humanity (AHFH) is delighted to share that an anonymous member of the United Church of Gainesville (UCG), has donated \$100,000 to the construction of a new Habitat for Humanity home in Alachua County. The gift will be used to acquire the property, purchase materials, pay for subcontractors, cover the extra costs involved in building during the COVID-19 pandemic, and allow AHFH to focus funds on building other new homes in the area. The United Church of Gainesville, a local open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ, is a proud sponsor of many local causes in the area, including AHFH. Their mission to worship God, however known, strongly aligns with Habitat’s goal of seeking to put God’s love into action.

“We are exuberant and extremely grateful for the scale of this anonymous gift,” said Chief Outreach and Development Officer Scott Winzeler, “It shows that people in our area take the need for affordable housing in our local community seriously and invest accordingly. And, we are also happy to be able to continue our strong partnership with UCG in this endeavor.”

“We have been partnering with AHFH for nearly twenty years,” said Reverend Andy Bachmann, UCG’s minister charged with outreach and justice, “the fact that one of our own members made this house possible is just another example of the way our members put their faith into action.” As with all of their projects, the family that qualified for this home will partner with AHFH, contributing sweat equity and taking workshops in the process of becoming a homeowner who takes on an affordable mortgage.

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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 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.