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Habitat. We Build: Communities. **Alachua Habitat for Humanity Celebrates Annual Signature Event**

Gainesville – Alachua Habitat for Humanity will be celebrating their past year’s achievements on **Friday, October 20th from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm** at the **Gainesville Women’s Club** at 2809 W. University Ave. Ben Campen, local entrepreneur and author, will be honored as Alachua Habitat for Humanity’s 2017 Humanitarian of the Year for his service and commitment to Habitat’s mission and to the community. Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (CPPI) and Publix will also be recognized with Impact Partners Awards for their significant role in furthering Alachua Habitat’s mission of bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Habitat’s event will feature tasting stations by Celebrations Catering and locally-crafted beer from First Magnitude Brewing Company. Guests can also enjoy beer from Burkhardt, wine, and two different signature cocktails at the open bar. Local talent *Fast Lane* will perform live throughout the evening. Silent and live auctions will include unique items such as hand-made tables, a variety of theme park tickets, vacation rentals, autographed University of Florida paraphernalia, gift certificates and gift baskets from dozens of local businesses, and much more.

“There is so much to celebrate at this year’s event,” said Scott Winzeler, Alachua Habitat for Humanity’s Executive Director. “Ben Campen, our Humanitarian of the Year honoree, is someone Habitat is proud to recognize for his lifetime of service to our community. We also will be honoring five families who have paid off their mortgages, a remarkable milestone for the families we serve. This is a celebration of what we, together - donors, volunteers, and families - can accomplish as a community.”

A limited number of tickets are still available. Contact Lois Fowler (lfowler@alachuahabitat.org or 352-745-7182) or go to www.alachuahabitat.org for more information.

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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

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