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### **Three of 11 future Habitat houses to begin construction in Hammock Oaks**

**Gainesville, FL** – Alachua Habitat for Humanity is blessing the site for three future homes on **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at 3514 SE 21<sup>st</sup> Ave.** Join us as we celebrate future homeowners (and future neighbors) Tocarra, Deosha and Shenika as they reach a major milestone in their Habitat journey.

The three houses will be located in Hammock Oaks, a small neighborhood in southeast Gainesville. Alachua Habitat for Humanity received 11 lots in Hammock Oaks as a donation from the County, and these are the first three houses to be constructed on the donated lots. It is Alachua Habitat's hope to create a strong sense of community in the neighborhood, starting with Saturday's site blessing. Chevron at Hunter's Crossing is the sponsor for Tocarra's house, while Shenika's house is sponsored by a committed group of local interfaith congregations. There are still sponsorship opportunities available for Deosha's house.

Shenika's house will be the sixth interfaith build in Alachua County. Interfaith builds promote positive and meaningful interactions among members of different faiths while building houses.

Participants and attendees of the site blessing will have the opportunity to write well wishes and blessings on the frames of the houses to commemorate the event and bless all three women's families as the building process begins.

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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](http://www.alachuahabitat.org)