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New Home on the Move! Habitat for Humanity's and Santa Fe College's Home Number X Set To Roll to Home Destination Thursday

Gainesville – A new Alachua Habitat for Humanity (AHFH) home constructed indoors at Santa Fe College's Charles R. Perry Construction Institute is set to roll to its final destination at **3515 SE 22nd Place on Thursday, May 28**. The house leaves Santa Fe College's facility in two parts starting at 9:00 am and will arrive on-site at approximately 9:45 am.

"These homes are part of a unique and very collaborative project," AHFH Executive Director Scott Winzeler said. "The program allows a AHFH partner family a hand-up opportunity to become a first-time homeowner – many times the first person in the family's history to own a home; and the partnership with Santa Fe College allows few students and apprentices a hands-on construction experience while pursuing their education."

The home is built at the college in two sections and then each section is transported separately. When construction is completed and the structure is ready to move, each section is jacked up and loaded by crane on to a trailer and then slowly transported to the home site. (The SE 22nd Place property was donated by Alachua County.) At the site, a crane then lifts each of the sections off the semi-trailer and sets them into place on the foundation built by Habitat. After the home is set, a front porch, back porch, driveway and landscaping will be added by Alachua Habitat partners and volunteers.

Alachua Habitat for Humanity supports its homeownership program through donations, grants, and principal payments from family partners. Habitat is a hand-up to a home owner 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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