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Alachua Habitat for Humanity's Women Build chapter to celebrate completion of 10th house

GAINESVILLE, FL—Alachua Habitat for Humanity and the Alachua Women Build chapter are excited to celebrate the culmination of months of hard work with a home dedication ceremony on **Sunday, February 25 at 2:00 pm** at **18786 NW 243rd Street in High Springs**. *[PLEASE NOTE: The City of High Springs has updated street names so most GPS's don't bring you to the correct address. Directions provided on the second page.]*

The house, sponsored by Publix Super Markets Charities, is the tenth house built by the Alachua Women Build chapter, and is the 134th Alachua Habitat for Humanity house completed in Alachua County. The City of High Springs generously donated the land for the house as well as the grinder pump for the sewage system.

Homebuyer Tonya, a recently widowed mother of an adult son and a middle school-aged daughter, worked every Saturday building her house together with volunteers from Alachua Women Build and Publix employees. While Tonya was hard at work building her future home, her daughter could be found playing with her new friends from the neighborhood. "We are delighted to help Tonya and her family build not only a home, but a community", said Susan Vince, chair of Alachua Women Build.

Alachua Women Build builds safe, affordable homes constructed by women volunteers. The program empowers women to learn new skills and take on leadership roles in construction, while building a home in partnership with a hardworking family. Alachua Women Build has been empowering women from all walks of life to address local affordable housing needs in Alachua County since 1995.

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About Alachua Habitat for Humanity:

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 130 homes in the local community. Habitat sells the houses to homeowner families at no profit and the houses are financed with affordable loans. For more information visit www.alachuahabitat.org

Driving directions to 18786 NW 243rd St in High Springs:

- From Gainesville, take I-75 or 441 North towards High Springs
- Turn LEFT onto W US Hwy 27 (follow signs to downtown/Ichetucknee Springs)
- Go through downtown High Springs, past The Great Outdoors (on left) and City Hall (on right)
- Eventually you will see High Springs Lodge/Masonic Center on the right.
- Two blocks after the Masonic Lodge, turn RIGHT at NW 243rd Street
- The Habitat build site is the third lot on the left after the stop sign