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Alachua Habitat for Humanity's Women Build chapter dedicates 11th house in memory of long-time volunteer

GAINESVILLE, FL—Alachua Habitat for Humanity and the Alachua Women Build chapter are elated to celebrate months of effort with a home dedication ceremony on **Sunday, August 5th at 4:00 pm at 1326 NE 15th Street.**

The house, sponsored by the Toni Chiara Trust, is the eleventh house constructed by the Alachua Women Build chapter and will be dedicated to the late Toni Chiara. A dedicated volunteer, Toni participated in builds on numerous Saturdays, served on the steering committee, and acted as site supervisor for a previous house constructed by Alachua Women Build. Toni was a tireless worker and excelled at whatever task she performed, whether on a Women Build site or in her professional work as a physical therapist and researcher at the VA.

The Toni Chiara Memorial House will be the new home for future Habitat homeowner Jasmine and her three children. Alachua Women Build is proud to partner with Jasmine and her family in the building of this home. Jasmine is exceptionally hard-working and determined. Four years ago, when living in a moldy, rented house with her daughters, she vowed to own a safe, secure home of her own by the time she turned 30 years old. This month she turns 31.

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