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**Clay Builders Council joins Clay County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. in nationwide house build**

Local professional home builders are joining Clay County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. (CCHH) to raise walls on a Middleburg home as part of the Habitat for Humanity Home Builders Blitz 2008. CCHH is among more than 110 Habitat affiliates participating in building 263 homes nationwide – each home will be completed from start to finish during the week of May 31 to June 7, concluding with the celebration of a home dedication on the seventh.

Equally compelling to the concept of a home being completed in one week is the story behind this particular property. This location in historical Forman Circle\* had previously been the site of the “Blue Room” which had become dilapidated and required demolition to comply with County Code enforcement. After working closely with local residents, county officials, and the previous owners, CCHH came upon a resolution that struck a fair compromise for all concerned. This provided us with an opportunity to build a home with construction participation from the CCHH partner family who will purchase the home, in an area that will benefit from the construction of a quality Habitat home. This initiative illustrates the power of partnerships in community transformations.

“Partnering with professional home builders allows Habitat affiliates to increase the number of homes they build, while builders can help their community by doing what they do best,” said Kevin Campbell, director of the national Home Builders Blitz program for Habitat for Humanity.

Barry Bransford (President of Capella Homes, Inc.), coordinator for the Clay Builders Council of the Northeast Florida Builders Association, gathered subcontractors and suppliers such as Absolute Heating & Air, C&B Plumbing, Chris Jackson the Carpet Man, Clay County Sheriff’s Department, Jim Turner Pest Control, Kirks Framing, Kitchen Design Gallery, Mary Jo Baker of Klaybor & Associates, Supreme Drywall, T&M Electric, and The Fidus Group to donate materials and professional labor for the project. “Thanks to their sponsorship of this event, the Clark family will realize the dream of homeownership,” said Jerry Kemp, President of the CCHH Board of Directors. “We are so grateful these home builders and material sponsors are working to make our community a better place.” Matt Carlton is chairman for the Clay Builders Council.

Directions to 2750 Foreman Circle, Middleburg, FL 32068:

***From Orange Park:***

Heading South on Blanding Blvd. (FL 21) toward Middleburg, from Kingsley Ave. intersection travel approx 12.1 miles.

Right onto Foreman Circle, approx. .2 mi on right you will arrive at 2750 Foreman Circle.

*Pass CR 218 and VyStar before coming to Foreman Circle.*

(\*Clarification: Street address is Foreman, historical monument annotates Grant Forman Homestead Historic Site)

Schedule (9:00 a.m. starts):

- Saturday May 31 - Framing – walls go up!**
- Monday June 2 - Roofing, house wrap.**
- Tuesday June 3 - Insulation, vinyl siding.
- Wednesday June 4 - Drywall, vinyl flooring.
- Thursday June 5 - Cabinetry, vinyl flooring.
- Friday June 6 - Carpeting.
- Saturday June 7 - Landscaping, final cleanup, 4:00 p.m. Home Dedication Ceremony**

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Clay County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. (CCHH) is the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. CCHH is a not-for-profit ecumenical Christian organization, whose mission is to eliminate substandard housing in Clay County, Florida by building and renovating safe, decent and affordable housing in partnership with the community and God's people in need. CCHH serves Orange Park, Middleburg, Green Cove Springs, Penney Farms and Keystone Heights.

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, CCHH builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable, no-interest loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses.

Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a down payment and the monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor -- *sweat equity* -- into building their Habitat house and the houses of others. Habitat houses are affordable for low-income families because there is no profit included in the sale price and no interest charged on the mortgage.

To date, 116 Clay County families have worked hard and partnered with CCHH to improve their families' circumstances.

[www.habitat.org/buildersblitz](http://www.habitat.org/buildersblitz)

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