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Clay County Habitat Dedicates Flag and Flagpole

Clay County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. (CCHH) will dedicate a new flagpole donated by 17 year old Clay County resident Mikel Gonzalez, who chose this as his Eagle Scout project. An Eagle Scout project is a comprehensive plan created by the scout, with details including: local government code compliance; planning and design; preparation of script and printed materials, a timeline, step-by-step workday instructions, and financial plan, identifying and gathering materials and assistants, and addressing safety – not a simple undertaking. CCHH is grateful to Hagan Ace Hardware for acquiescing to Mikel’s request for the donation of the required materials.

CCHH is also dedicating the flag, which was flown into combat onboard a Navy S-3B Viking during “Operation Iraqi Freedom” on Veteran’s Day 2008, in honor of Clay County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. This flag was offered to CCHH by AZ1 Tanya Smith of VS-22 at NAS Jacksonville.

CCHH is appreciative of the scope of work Mikel handled on our behalf, and proud to be flying this flag that honors our military and symbolizes the freedom we enjoy.

The dedication ceremony will be held Friday, December 5, 4:00 p.m., at the CCHH ReStore and Administrative Offices at 1717 Blanding Boulevard, Middleburg, FL.

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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.

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