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Clay County Habitat Celebrates Being Selected for “Lowe’s Heroes”

As part of the initiative *Lowe’s Heroes*, volunteers from the Kingsley Lowe’s are coming out Saturday, October 4, 2008 to wrap up rehab work on a Clay County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. (CCHH) home.

Included in their participation for the day is a \$1,200 financial donation to Clay County Habitat coupled with an in-kind donation of many tools on the CCHH “wish list.” Each year the *Lowe’s Heroes* volunteer program helps to improve the communities where Lowe’s employees work and live. Lowe’s Department Manager Teresa Cox coordinated this effort when the store team identified CCHH as a community improvement project that will make a difference close to home.

The CCHH partner family the Griffins, who are purchasing the home, will work alongside the Lowe’s volunteers as they fulfill their volunteer “sweat equity” hours required to complete the CCHH program. CCHH is grateful to Lowe’s for this meaningful partnership and their commitment to the community.

Directions to 319 Palm Street, Green Cove Springs:

From Orange Park:

Traveling South on US-17 (called “Orange Avenue as you enter Green Cove Springs), right onto Walburg Street, left onto Lemon Street, left onto Wall Street, right onto Palm Street.

Activity: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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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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“Building Homes in Partnership with God’s People in Need”