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Significant Home Dedication for Clay County Habitat

Clay County Habitat for Humanity, Inc. (CCHH) is pleased to dedicate two homes with two very different stories.

The location of the ceremony is 1023 Wall Street, our **“Dope to Hope”** home. A dope house was DART’ed by the Sheriff’s office and CCHH purchased the lot and demolished the home. With the energy of compassionate volunteers (including Sheriff Beseler and other CC Sheriff’s office staff) and partner families, CCHH constructed a four bedroom home which holds hope for the Hayes family and the surrounding community.

The second home being dedicated, 1052 Center Street, was built by CCHH with our **Women Build** initiative – which intentionally involves more women on construction sites. The first day of construction included an enthusiastic group of women (and their husbands) from Magnolia Point Women’s Group, a mother/daughter team of professional house framers from Kirk’s Framing, and many other volunteers. Formal “Crew Leader Training” empowered long-time volunteer Judith Jackson and CCHH partner family Neha Dave to lead volunteer crews during the build, assisting the CCHH construction staff. Lunch that first day was graciously provided by Honey Baked Ham Co. of Orange Park, who is also donating lunch for this two-home dedication.

The ceremony is noon, Friday, July 13th at 1023 Wall Street in Green Cove Springs.

Directions:

Travel South on **US 17**. (Called **“Orange Avenue”** when you enter Green Cove Springs).

Turn right onto **Houston** (after McDonalds), left onto **Palmetto**.

Turn right onto **Martin Luther King**, continue over RR tracks. Turn left onto **Lemon**, left onto **Wall Street**.

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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.

CCHH is building 12 homes in 2007-08, which will total 125 Clay County families who are working hard and partnering with Habitat for Humanity to improve their families’ circumstances.

BUILDING HOMES WITH GOD’S PEOPLE IN NEED