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**Charleston Habitat for Humanity, Mayor Keith Summey to Dedicate Two Homes in North Charleston Neighborhood**

**North Charleston, SC (October 23, 2014) –** Two Charleston area families are set to begin their new lives as homeowners today asCharleston Habitat for Humanity marks the completion of their homes in the Joppa Way neighborhood of North Charleston. North Charleston Mayor Keith Summeywill be on hand this afternoon to help dedicate the homes along with Charleston Habitat staff and volunteers.

“We are excited to add two more families to the growing Joppa Way community,” said Jeremy Browning, Executive Director of Charleston Habitat. “I look forward to completing the rest of our homes in this neighborhood in the next two to three years.”

Charleston Habitat for Humanity began building in Joppa Way in 2013, with plans to complete fifteen new structures in the community by 2018. Financial support for new homes comes from a combination of individual donations, grant funding, and corporate sponsorships from local and national business partners. The two homes dedicated today were supported in part by contributions from the Charleston Habitat for Humanity ReStore, Wells Fargo, Boeing, Dan Ryan Builders, and Cabot Creamery Cooperative.

“Our donation honored every Charleston citizen who had a stake in making this home a reality on behalf of our northeast farm families who own Cabot,” Senior VP of Marketing for Cabot Creamery Cooperative Roberta MacDonald remarked. “We salute Charleston Habitat for all they’re doing to make homes a reality.”

New homeowners Jordan and Caitlyn O’Neill and Chrisana Bligen officially take ownership of their new homes at the conclusion of today’s ceremony. “It is because of Habitat for Humanity that my prayers have been answered. Charleston Habitat for Humanity is truly a blessing and they touch the souls of many people,” Caitlyn O’Neill said.

Currently celebrating its 25th anniversary, Charleston Habitat for Humanity has built 77 new homes in the cities of Charleston and North Charleston, improving the lives of more than 500 community members. Each year, more than 800 volunteers invest approximately 20,000 volunteer hours in making affordable housing a reality for Charleston residents.

**EVENT LOCATION: 2556 Celestial Court, North Charleston, SC 29406**

**EVENT TIME: NOON-1 PM**

**From Downtown Charleston: Begin on I-26 West toward Columbia. Take EXIT 213 and follow route for MALL DRIVE. Continue on MALL DRIVE for .3 miles, and then TURN LEFT onto LACROSS ROAD. LACROSS ROAD becomes WEST DEACON STREET. Follow for .7 miles, and then TURN LEFT onto JONAH STREET. TURN RIGHT onto SEA WATCH LANE. TURN LEFT onto CELESTIAL COURT. The build site will be on your RIGHT.**

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**About Charleston Habitat for Humanity**

**Established in 1989, Charleston Habitat for Humanity serves the communities in downtown Charleston, West Ashley, and the City of North Charleston. Charleston Habitat for Humanity builds quality affordable housing in partnership with moderate-income working families, offering a hand up—not a hand out—to families who meet our strict criteria. With support from individual and corporate sponsors, Charleston Habitat for Humanity endeavors to strengthen communities and eliminate substandard housing conditions in the Charleston area. To learn more about how to donate or volunteer, visit** [**www.charlestonhabitat.org**](http://www.charlestonhabitat.org) **, like us on Facebook at** [**https://www.facebook.com/CharlestonHabitatforHumanity**](https://www.facebook.com/CharlestonHabitatforHumanity)**, or follow us on Twitter @ChasHabitat.**