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Disney Grant brings magic to Habitat for Humanity's Casselberry project

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, Fla.; April 8, 2014 – Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka was recently awarded a \$50,000 grant from Disney. The 'Disney Shine' grant program supports non-profits that benefit children in the Central Florida region. The grant was awarded to support the affiliate's Antigua Bay project which will positively affect 12 families over the next two years. The project is also expected to have an economic impact on the community of more than \$6 million.

"This project is the largest our affiliate has undertaken and is a wonderful example of leveraging both private and public funds." said Executive Director Penny Seater. "The project has brought together donations from all over the community and we are excited to have support from Disney. It shows us they are truly invested in the future of the children by helping us to break the cycle of poverty. "

The Antigua Bay townhome development ended in 2008 due to a lack of funding with only twenty-four of the planned thirty-six units completed. Habitat for Humanity will be completing the project, building two clusters, each with six townhomes. Following the original plans, the completed townhomes will be identical to those already completed in the community. The first cluster is expected to be completed by October, 2014. Families have been selected for the first phase and include six single mothers and twelve children. In addition to the Disney grant, financial support is coming from SHOP funding distributed through HUD, a bequest from the Barbara Bole Trust and sponsorship from Finrock, Publix Charities, Annunciation Catholic Church, Sonny's Real Pit BBQ and Golden Corral.

Habitat for Humanity is a global, ecumenical housing ministry that seeks to build and renovate safe, decent and affordable houses in partnership with very low- to moderate-income residents of communities. The ultimate goal of Habitat for Humanity is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness by building adequate and basic housing. Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka has completed more than 136 homes throughout the community. A single home is under construction in Apopka in addition to the construction of 12 townhomes in Casselberry. Along with the new construction, four rehabs are in process throughout the county. The affiliate's construction capacity has more than doubled over the last year. *To learn more about Habitat Seminole & Apopka or to make a donation, call (407) 696-5855 or visit <http://habitatseminoleapopka.org>.*

