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**Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka  
to host Mayors on their Day of Recognition for National Service**

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, Fla.; March 26, 2014 – The nation’s mayors are increasingly turning to national service as a cost effective strategy to address challenges in their communities. By unleashing the power of citizens, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs have a positive and lasting impact – making our communities a better place to live. Every day, in cities all across America, national service is tackling tough problems and strengthening communities. On April 1, 2014, Mayors across the country will thank those who serve and recognize their impact on the second annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service.

Sanford Mayor Jeff Triplett, Winter Springs Mayor Charles Lacey and Casselberry Commissioner Anthony Armendia will meet with AmeriCorps service members from Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka. The 9 A.M. visit will take place at the affiliates Antigua Bay project in Casselberry. In addition to meeting with the AmeriCorps members, they will have the opportunity to learn about the 12 unit townhome project which will complete the community, unfinished since 2008. It is the first multi-family project taken on by Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka and is expected to have an economic impact of more than \$6m when completed next year.

“We are delighted to be able to host the mayors as they recognize our AmeriCorps members.” said Penny Seater, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka.

“Affordable housing is a critical component of a healthy community and our AmeriCorps members play a key role in expanding our operation and to serve more families. The Mayors recognition highlights the impact of service and will hopefully inspire others to serve their communities.”

The Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency for national service and volunteering, five million citizens are engaged in service at more than 70,000 sites in 8500 cities across the country. Through AmeriCorps, VISTA, NCCC, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund and other programs, CNCS leverages federal and private funds to support organizations that achieve measurable results where the need is the greatest. For more information, visit [www.NationalService.gov](http://www.NationalService.gov).

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

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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. In addition to the Apopka project, they will begin construction on 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>.*

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