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### **A Single Mom's Journey from Homeless to Homeowner**

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, Fla.; January 21, 2014 – Anyone will tell you that being a parent is hard work, and a single parent even more challenging. Imagine also dealing with abuse and homelessness. One area single mom knows this story all too well. But after three years of staying focused on her goal, she is about to become a homeowner.

Still conscious of the need to protect her children from prior abuse, she will celebrate the dedication of her new home with Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka at 496 Northwestern Avenue in Altamonte Springs on January 25, 2014 at 8:30am.

“Home dedications are always a wonderful celebration, but this one is really special,” said Penny Seater, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka. “This family had gone through just about everything life can throw at you. Three years ago, the family was escaping from abuse and homeless. She has done everything possible to change that and is an inspiration for all of us.”

In 2009, Seminole County government officials, faith-based organizations and social service leaders saw the need and opportunity to create a collaborative approach to coordinating services to increase our community's impact on the growing challenge of families in need. Recognizing that the fundamental and foremost need in achieving independence and stability for any family is affordable housing, the program brings together organizations like Habitat for Humanity and a variety of training opportunities to achieve that end. Now known as 'Pathways to Home' this program graduate and new Habitat homeowner and her family are the ultimate success story. The best journey in life is the one that brings you to your own front door.

### **About Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka**

Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka builds, renovates or preserves homes by partnering with others to accelerate and broaden access to affordable housing as a foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty. To date, Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka has built and renovated more than 136 local homes and its construction capacity 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>.