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**Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka
to hold two home dedications**

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, Fla.; August 27, 2013 – Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka will hold two dedication ceremonies on September 5, 2013, both at 6:00 pm. Holding two dedications at once is a first for the local affiliate, made necessary by the increase in their production.

The dedication of the property at 1160 Robinson Avenue in Apopka is a new construction project completed for Apopka resident and single mom Janise Jones. Janise was raised in Apopka and is excited to be able to raise her two young boys in the same community, close to family and friends. Janise has worked in housekeeping at one of the area resort hotels for the past five years. Once she is settled in her new home, she plans to go back to school and finish her degree to become a pharmacist. The home is being built in partnership with FINFROCK. Based in Apopka, FINFROCK is the largest designer, manufacturer and constructor of parking structures in the United States.

“As a member of the Apopka community, FINFROCK is delighted to have been a part of helping Janise attain her dream of homeownership.” said Bill Finfrock, FINFROCK Vice President. “Our employees have enjoyed lending a hand in the construction so that Ms. Jones and her family are able to have a permanent home in their own community. “

The dedication of the property at 453 MacGregor Rd in Winter Springs is a rehab project completed for Gabrielle Josie and Cameron Thompkins. The house was a foreclosed property acquired through the Seminole County Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Not only will this family of four have an affordable home, but the project also gets a vacant home occupied and back on the tax rolls again.

Gabrielle and Cameron have spent the years since starting their family both working full time and going to school in addition to raising their two active boys. Both will be the first members of their families to graduate from college.

“Seminole County is invested in bringing back its neighborhoods.” said Penny Seater, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka. “They understand that getting foreclosed and blighted properties rehabbed and back on the tax rolls makes an impact on the whole community.”

Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka has completed more than 135 homes throughout the community. The affiliate's construction capacity has more than doubled over the last year, with as many as 14 homes expected to be completed by the end of June, 2014.

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. To date, Habitat for Humanity of Seminole County and Greater Apopka has built and renovated more than 130 local homes. Incorporated in 1991, the offices are located in Sanford, Fla. 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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