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Chatham Habitat Celebrating Completion of 99th & 100th Houses

PITTSBORO - Chatham Habitat for Humanity is celebrating the completion of its 99th and 100th houses with two events set for Saturday, Nov. 6. A home dedication ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. at 47 Acorn Park Lane in Pittsboro, followed by a celebration at the Habitat offices on 467 West Street at 4 p.m. The events are free and open to the public. A map and directions to both locations can be found at www.chathamhabitat.org.

When the two families receive the keys to their new homes, Chatham Habitat will reach an important milestone: 100 houses built in Chatham County and 100 families served. In all, 375 people will have left substandard housing behind in Chatham County, including more than 200 children.

"The homes to date have touched many lives and given promise to so many, especially the children," said volunteer and former Board member Bob Gabor. "We know how much it means to a child to have safe and stable housing, not to mention the pride they feel when their friends come to visit."

"Each house has major significance for the partner family and all those involved in making that particular house a reality," said Bill Patchett, a long-time supporter and former Board member. "Consider the impact on each family and the required vision, commitment, dollars, time, and supporters...I am pleased to be one small piece of such a marvelous contribution."

The reception, sponsored by the Carolina Brewery and San Felipe Restaurant, will be held at the former Home Store Too space in honor of the volunteers, donors, and partner families who have made this milestone possible. Speaker of the House Joe Hackney is among the guest speakers. In addition to food and beverages, the reception will include a gallery of Chatham Habitat's 100 houses. An RSVP by Friday, Oct. 29 is appreciated. Call (919) 542-0794, x 221 or e-mail info@chathamhabitat.org.

"More affordable Habitat homes are in Chatham County's future," said Executive Director Amy Powell. "Our three-year plan focuses on volunteers and partnerships, financial strength, dismantling oppression, responsible land use, and quality construction and green building."

About Chatham Habitat for Humanity: *Since 1989, Chatham Habitat for Humanity has worked to change substandard housing conditions throughout Chatham County by making homeownership possible for 100 families. In the process, Habitat is able to transform lives, improve neighborhoods, and most importantly, give hope and strength to our communities. For more information visit our web site: www.chathamhabitat.org*

Additional quote:

"When we were building the first house near Silk Hope in 1990, the idea of 100 Habitat homes in Chatham County would have seemed far-fetched. And yet, 20 years of dedication and hard work later, the 100th house is a reality. Some things haven't changed over the years: volunteers and donors working in partnership with low-income families who dream of homeownership. Nearly everything else has changed. In 1990, we had very little money, very little homebuilding experience, no paid staff; it took a leap of faith just to break ground for the first house. Now, in 2010, we have a dedicated staff; a track record of building high quality, energy-efficient homes; a financial base built on two re-sale stores; generous donors; mortgage payments of homeowners; and an extensive support network to help partner families thrive in their new homes."

*David Scott
Long-time supporter, current Board member*