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## **1000 Homes & Counting**

Fort Myers, FL; February 28, 2009 – On Saturday, March 14th at 8:30 a.m., Habitat for Humanity of Lee County will lift the walls on home #1000 in the community! Be there at 5011 Moon Lane in Labelle to celebrate with Habitat and enjoy breakfast from Bob Evans Restaurant & Sanibel Bean Island Coffees plus a dedication ceremony. The house raising event is in memory of Habitat's founder Millard Fuller, who passed away in early February. Only four other Habitat affiliates in the world have raised as many homes as Lee County's chapter. Call Habitat to RSVP for this milestone event! 239-652-0434.

Habitat for Humanity of Lee County took Hendry County under its umbrella in 1998. Since then, the Lee County affiliate has constructed more than 20 homes in Labelle and Clewiston. Today, Hendry County remains one of Florida's poorest and most depressed communities in the state.

In 1979, Millard Fuller helped lift the walls on Lee County's first Habitat home in Harlem Heights. Lee County's Habitat chapter was one of the first formed and remains one of the leading housing organizations in the world through production and innovation. To date, Habitat for Humanity's international ministry has built more than 300,000 houses in more than 90 countries, providing more than 1.5 million people with safe, decent, affordable shelter.

Habitat for Humanity of Lee County is a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing in the community. Since 1982, the affiliate has provided 1000 families a safe and affordable place to live. Through the use of volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds simple, decent housing for families who otherwise could not afford it.

**Homes are sold to the homeowners at no profit on an interest-free mortgage**, making homeownership an affordable reality.