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Habitat Closes Record 16 Homes in September

Fort Myers, FL; October 1, 2008 – In the midst of a nationwide mortgage meltdown, Habitat for Humanity of Lee County has closed on record-setting 16 homes during the month of September. Habitat's previous record of 13 closings was held in May 2007. These closings put Habitat for Humanity at almost 50 for the year.

Habitat for Humanity of Lee County is a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing in Lee County. So far, Habitat has built more than 900 homes in Lee County since 1982. 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.