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Addition to Habitat's Developing Staff

North Fort Myers, Florida; May 29, 2008 – Habitat for Humanity of Lee County is pleased to announce the addition of Mrs. Karen Quanstrom as the new Director of Development. Karen comes to Habitat after 12 years in the mortgage industry, where she ended her time as a Senior Loan Consultant. Karen and her husband have three daughters and 5 grandchildren. "It was time to invest my talents in a community-based organization," she says. Karen was raised as a 'pastor's kid' and attributes her servant attitude to her upbringing. "Whatever I do, I want that to enhance others. I have a large amount of energy and commitment to the promotion of others," she notes. Karen has lived in nine states before coming to Florida in 2002.

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.