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## Disney Brings 'the happiest place on earth' to Habitat

Lee County, FL; February 11, 2010 – Since the first of the year, Habitat for Humanity of Lee County has had more than 500 people sign up to volunteer with the organization, more than half of them have already served a day. That's because the HandsOn Network, a group dedicated to promoting volunteerism, has partnered with Disney to offer the first one million volunteers a free ticket to 'the happiest place on earth'. The promotion is called 'Give A Day. Get A Disney Day,' and is only good at registered charities. The idea celebrates volunteers by offering a one-day pass to any Disneyland or Walt Disney World themepark in hopes of inspiring people to start a tradition of volunteering. "I've never volunteered with Habitat for Humanity before. Now that I'm here, I would come back without Disney," said Christine Gaastra, a Cape Coral resident.

With hundreds already signed up, even those who traditionally aren't old enough to step foot on Habitat's worksites are cashing in on the tickets. Kids are donating their time by constructing birdhouses for future homeowners. At Habitat's home dedications, families are presented with the mini masterpieces. So far, more than 30 birdhouses have been collected.

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 1000 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.