



**Home Dedications
House # 102 and House # 103**

**To the
Cisneros Family and the Santiago Family**

Thursday, June 29th, 2023 (4:00pm)

2743 and 2747 Pine Tree Road

DeLand, Fl.

PROGRAM

Welcome and Update

Randy Jenkins - Executive Director

Homeowner Introduction

Randy Jenkins - Executive Director

Dedication and Blessing

David Seilkop – Board President, CEO

Presentation of Keys and Bible

Kathy Aparo-Griffin – Board Vice President



Home Dedication and Blessing

In most major religious traditions, the language used to describe heaven is that of home. We all know that homes can be broken places and hard places and bruising places. But at their best, at their very best, homes are the places where we glimpse the kingdom of God right here right now.

Indeed, in the Christian gospel of Matthew, Jesus says that “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.

A properly constructed home is the metaphor he chooses for security, strength, courage, and fruitful living. We build homes together to build lives together; a families, and our own.

So it is a special thing that we do this day.

A blessing is our way of saying that “this work you do, this life that you live, it is sacred, and important, and we are glad for it. We are glad for you. And you are not alone in it.”

So I ask you now to turn toward these two beautiful homes and imagine your love and your hopes flowing into it. And let us, together, bless these homes that have already been a blessing.

Let us pray.

Bless you, West Volusia Habitat for Humanity, your staff, volunteers, and supporters,

The board, for being willing to do the hard work, for having the tough conversations, for being the careful stewards of our work, to make this possible. This work you do is sacred. Bless you for it.

Bless you, volunteers, for your time, For the scraped hands and sore muscles, for the sacrifices you make, so that all might have roofs over their heads, And a place to call home.

Bless you, Earl and Patricia Colvard, and the Boulevard Tire Centers for your sponsorship of these homes, and for the many years you have supported our programs and the human needs of our community.

And Bless you, the community service organizations, and the businesses of our community for your willingness to partner with us. Bless you for allowing us to be partners in your lives.

And, finally, we ask that these homes be blessed with laughter and love, good fortune, and good friends. One tiny plot of the Peaceable Kingdom, here on Earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

It is only with the help and support of our sponsors both corporate and individual, and dedicated volunteers, that West Volusia Habitat for Humanity can provide families in our community with decent, safe, and affordable housing. Our sincere gratitude for your donations and assistance with the building of these homes. While there are too many to list, we would like to recognize the following:

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