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CHEP Presented Five Local Families With Keys To New Habitat For Humanity Orlando Staghorn Villas Townhomes

CHEP Contributed \$250,000 to Second Completed Building

ORLANDO – Habitat for Humanity Orlando and representatives from CHEP, the global leader in pallet and container pooling solutions, recently presented five local families with keys to their new townhomes during a home dedication ceremony at Staghorn Villas. In addition to a \$250,000 corporate commitment to Staghorn Villas' second building, CHEP employees logged more than 1,080 volunteer hours for Habitat Orlando since January 1, 2009.

Staghorn Villas is Habitat Orlando's largest homebuilding effort, and the organization's first multi-family development to date. Once complete, the 3.9-acre community will provide affordable homes for 58 local families. Located on Stag Horn Drive and Silver Star Road, the de-

velopment will feature 10 buildings, each of which includes four to eight townhomes surrounded by green spaces and play areas. Construction at Staghorn Villas is slated for completion in 2011.

"The financial contribution coupled with the hours volunteered by CHEP employees directly contributed to these five families finally realizing their dream of home ownership," said Dee Dammeyer, executive director for Habitat for Humanity Orlando.

"Their commitment to the community – and to helping our neighbors – sets a remarkable example for the rest of Central Florida."

"We are happy to be in a position to continue supporting the community here in Orlando and are proud of the work the CHEP team has completed to

make life better for these families. The biggest reward for me personally is the smiles on the faces of the kids as they move into their new homes," said Kevin Shuba, President of CHEP Americas, who led the CHEP contingent at the dedication ceremony.

Prior to the dedication ceremony, the new homeowners of Staghorn Villas completed more than 300 hours of "sweat equity" and a homeownership course. These five homeowners join six families already residing in the community.

"We came to this country as foreigners with dreams – and owning a home was one of them. Thanks to Habitat Orlando, you have witnessed that dream come true today," said Ernest Udeh, a new Staghorn Villas homeowner.

