

# HOMES IN PARTNERSHIP, INC.

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## Celebrate Homeownership



During June, we're celebrating National Homeownership Month!

Today, we recognize our friends and neighbors in rural communities and are mindful of the many complex challenges and real life experiences they overcame in achieving the dream of homeownership.

For thirty-four years, we've remained committed to enhancing lives and bringing greater vitality to communities in Orange, Lake, and Sumter counties. As a catalyst for sustainable growth in urban areas, we continue to build bridges to increased homeowner opportunities and celebrate personal growth strategies that provide a greater sense of self worth.

As part of our month long celebration of homeownership, on June 5, at 10:00 in the morning, we will convene a ribbon cutting ceremony at Lakewood Manor, in Ocoee. This event will mark the beginning of an era at Homes in Partnership as we unveil our largest residential construction project, to date. We are proud to be able to give you, our

surrounding communities, and elected public officials, a tour of our beautiful new homes to showcase this single family subdivision.

At first glance, you will notice that the building appearance and standards of affordable housing is changing. Our homes are conceptualized with cutting edge designs and built with structural innovations that rival those in many other residential communities.



This 16 acre subdivision could not have been made possible without local, state, and federal strategic alliances that help strengthen our voice. We

appreciate the tremendous community collaborations with Orange County Government, the city of Ocoee, USDA Rural Development, the Art in Architecture Program, the Housing Assistance Council, and many, many other strong donors and supporters that believe in us.

This is a time to celebrate efforts to assure sustainable development for many of our neighborhoods in local rural communities. This is the time to celebrate homeownership.

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## Construction

New homes are being built in Groveland, at Quail Landing and Osprey Cove. Come to our open house, **June 13, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**



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# Housing Assistance Council Honors H. Lewis Kellom With Skip Jason Community Service Award



Left to right: Clanton Beamon, Delta Housing (Indianola, MS), H. Lewis Kellom, and Selvin McGahee, Florida Non-Profit (Sebring FL)

During the last HAC National Rural Housing Conference, held in Washington D.C., our executive director, H. Lewis Kellom, was one of four recipients of the Skip Jason Community Service Award. Recipients of this award are recognized for outstanding leadership in rural housing development. Other honorees included: Emma "Pinky" Clifford, Pine Ridge Reservation of the Oglala Sioux Tribe; Paul Douglas, Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority; and Sharon Walden, Stop Abusive Family Environments, Inc. Our tour included elected local and state government public officials, the USDA Area Director, HIP Board President, and members of the community Environments, Inc.

## Board Member Welcome



The HIP Board of Directors is drawn from Central Florida's top industry leaders and armed with a diversity of backgrounds and experience. These twelve men and women help empower Homes in Partnership to create more affordable housing solutions through policy advocacy, corporate governance, and driving key housing initiatives. We welcome the newest member of our board, **Betty J. Evans**. We appreciate the fiduciary experience she brings as a former senior CRA officer at CNL Bank.



## Strategic Planning

HIP board, staff and members of the community assembled in February for a strategic planning meeting at the City of Orlando to discuss a focused approach to achieving long-term objectives.

## Our Commitment to Quality Service



At Homes in Partnership, we pride ourselves in having a high level of commitment to providing quality service delivery. To ensure we are always offering a solid curriculum of counseling services and homeownership education, our team works hard at staying knowledgeable of the latest industry standards and guidelines. Our counseling program and counseling staff have been certified by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. However, we believe continuing professional education and certification programs are a vital component to most effectively serving the needs of rural communities. Given this, we congratulate HIP Housing Counselor Lorrie Rojas for recently receiving homeownership certification from *NeighborWorks* Center for Homeownership Education and Counseling.



## GO GREEN

And get your newsletter emailed. Sign up by calling us at 407.886.2451 or drop us an email at [crenhaws@homesip.org](mailto:crenhaws@homesip.org)

# Pathways to Affordable Housing

Our self-help programs provide families the necessary training to maximize an investment for improved housing opportunities that benefit all. Jose Barcardo, Jr. and his wife have lived in the Homes in Partnership community for fifteen years. Now, Jose's parents, Jose Sr. and Lisa Barcardo (pictured) are on the pathway to owning their own home. "The counseling information was so helpful to us. It really simplified the home buying process for my wife and me," says Jose Barcardo, Sr. The Barcardos await completion of their Quail Landing home, in Groveland.



## Transitions Made Easy



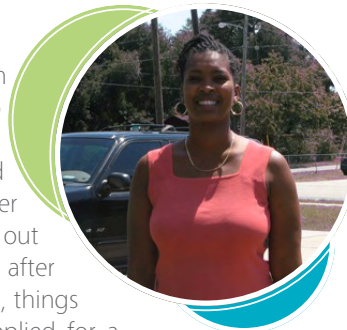
Director of Housing Jackie Smith (left) helps Sylvia Knowles (right) transition into homeownership. Sylvia has completed her loan application and eagerly awaits her USDA interview. "Self-help housing helps our clients build a brighter future," says Jackie.

## New Homes in Apopka



## Homeowner Success Story

"Many young women dream of homeownership, but I am living proof of what can happen if you want it, and go after it," affirms HIP Family Bookkeeper Chablis Everett. "In 1996, I was making minimum wage at what seemed like a dead end job, and I had terrible credit. My three year old daughter and I lived in a dilapidated house with rusty water coming out of the pipes. My situation made me very discouraged. But after applying for a job at Homes in Partnership and getting hired, things began to improve. I worked to clean up my credit and applied for a home loan. Soon, I had closed on a beautiful three bedroom/two bath home in a clean and safe community. Being a first time homeowner is a wonderful privilege that I have been afforded thanks to HIP. I teach my daughter to never give up on something you believe is worth having. Right now, HIP homes are certainly worth having and I am glad they helped me accomplish what I thought was the impossible."



## SAVE THE DATE!

### 2009 ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER



Thursday, October 8  
6:30 p.m. Cocktails  
7:30 p.m. Dinner

Sheraton Orlando North 600 North Lake  
Destiny, Maitland, Florida  
Individual tickets - \$25.00  
Contact us about sponsorship opportunities and benefits.

Platinum	\$ 10,000
Gold	\$ 5,000
Silver	\$ 2,500
Bronze	\$ 1,000
Table	\$ 750
Patron	\$ 200



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## Make a Home Yours Today!

### QUALIFICATION FOR HOME OWNERSHIP:

- » 18 years or older
- » Employed on present job at least 6 months with 2-year work history
- » Participation in construction of new home
- » Qualify for loan
- » No unpaid collections or late payments on credit report within last 12 months.



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