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#### COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO THEFT OF CHARLESTON HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Charleston Habitat for Humanity has received tremendous support from the community after the affiliate's trailer and tools were stolen on June 6, 2006. The trailer, which was parked in a Meeting Street lot, was loaded with tools that the affiliate used to carry out its mission of building homes for low to moderate-income working families. The trailer and tools were worth about \$4,000. Since the robbery, the affiliate has received monetary and in-kind donations of \$7,000 from the community!

Meg and Ken Barnes made a cash contribution from the Stewart Foundation of \$2,500. The REALTORS® Housing Opportunities fund donated \$2,500. Fastenal Industrial and Construction Supplies donated \$500.00 in tools to the affiliate. An unidentified man donated a compressor and lawn tools. Two anonymous donors contributed a circular saw and power tools. Steve Caskie of STEPHEN S. CASKIE, PE, LLC donated \$500.

Dr. Browning, Ph. D., the Executive Director of CHFH, states that "We deeply appreciate this outpouring of support from the community. These donations will enable us to get back on track and continue our mission of providing affordable homeownership opportunities."

Charleston Habitat for Humanity provides affordable homeownership opportunities for working families in the cities of Charleston and North Charleston. Families can qualify for either homeownership rehabilitation or affordable new construction homes. Homeowner payments, contributions from individuals and businesses, grants and foundations, and volunteer labor support our construction and rehabilitation programs.

If you would like to help CHFH or would like more information about volunteer opportunities, please call 722-7145 or visit [www.charlestonhabitat.org](http://www.charlestonhabitat.org).