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### **Spring Breakers Unite to Build Homes with Charleston Habitat for Humanity**

Charleston, SC – Students from across the country will travel to downtown Charleston for their spring break as part of Habitat for Humanity's "Collegiate Challenge."

During the month of March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 through March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 students from the University of Pennsylvania, St. Lawrence University, the University of New England and Brown University will help build one new home. These students will be building an auto-clad, aerated concrete block house. This will be the first time Charleston Habitat has used this type of material. They will also contribute \$4,940.00 to help with the purchase of building materials.

Volunteer Coordinator, Kelley Pruitt states "Each year I look forward to Collegiate Challenge. It thrills me to see these young adults working for such a cause as this, during their Spring Break! It is a wonderful challenge for us all."

This spring break, more than 11,500 students have signed up to participate in Collegiate Challenge across the country. The program offers high school and college students year-round opportunities to use their vacations to serve a community by volunteering to build homes. Students from the United States and Canada will travel to 235 locations in the United States.

Throughout its 18-year history, Collegiate Challenge has sent more than 139,000 students to build Habitat houses. During this time, students have raised more than \$11 million through the program. This year alone, Collegiate Challenge students will contribute \$1.4 million to help build houses.

To provide lunch for the students or make a donation to support the collegiate challenge program please call Charleston Habitat's Volunteer Coordinator, Kelley Pruitt at 843-722-7145. For more information about Charleston Habitat for Humanity, please visit [www.charlestonhabitat.org](http://www.charlestonhabitat.org).

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