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"In commemoration of World Habitat Day, the Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity will host a public ceremony to help bring attention to the need for adequate housing around the world and in Chatham County on Friday, October 6, 2017."

Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity Celebrates World Habitat Day with Four Families Paying Off Their Mortgages

SAVANNAH, GA (September 26, 2017)— The Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity is marking World Habitat Day by celebrating with 4 of its partner families who have paid off their Habitat mortgages this year. Join us on Friday, October 6th at 8:30 a.m. at our ReStore located at 701 MLK Jr. Blvd.

"World Habitat Day reminds us of our universal need for adequate shelter," says Executive Director Harold Tessendorf. "We will celebrate with the four families, whose 13 members' lives have been transformed through their Habitat homes, with a symbolic mortgage burning on Friday the 6th. We also plan to announce the results of our 2017 Building Futures Campaign."

Diane Harris Douse, one of the four homeowners who paid off her mortgage this year, did so in 20 years. Mrs. Harris-Douse raised three daughters and a son in her Ewell St. home. One of her daughters is now a doctor while another is a dental hygienist.

To set up a story to highlight Mrs. Harris Douse at her home, contact Randi Hempel at 912-777-

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About the Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity:

The Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity, located in Savannah, Georgia, and an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, is a nonprofit Christian organization dedicated to eliminating poverty housing. Habitat for Humanity brings together people with resources and people in need to build simple, decent, affordable houses. The houses are sold to those in need at no profit, through no-interest loans. Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1983 and has opened the door to home ownership to 140 families throughout Savannah. Anyone interested in volunteering or contributing to Habitat Savannah's mission is encouraged to call Habitat for Humanity at 912.353.8122 or visit us at www.habitatsavannah.org; www.facebook.com/HabitatSavannah; or www.twitter.com/HabitatSavannah.##