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## Rebuilding Together Central Florida Revitalizes Two Homes in Eatonville

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**Eatonville, Fla.**— On Friday, January 17, 2025, Rebuilding Together Central Florida will bring together volunteers with HELP CDC and local partners to restore two neighboring homes in Eatonville, Florida. This transformative project will take place on Elizabeth Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with the goal of significantly improving the living conditions and safety of the homeowners, Lois Billy and Cynthia Bradley. The work done on Friday will include exterior painting.

“Our mission is not just about repairing homes; it’s about rebuilding lives,” said **Jose Garcia, the CEO of Rebuilding Together Central Florida**. “This project in Eatonville exemplifies how we can address both the physical and emotional well-being of homeowners while strengthening the bonds within the community.”

### Media Availability:

Members of the media interested in attending can RSVP to Keana Ramirez, the on-site contact at [keana@rttb.org](mailto:keana@rttb.org). Interview opportunities are available with Rebuilding Together Central Florida, HELP CDC, Volunteers, and either of the homeowners. **Interviews are available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on January 17th.**

### Locations:

- [42 Elizabeth Ave, Eatonville, FL 32751](#)
- [106 Elizabeth Ave, Eatonville, FL 32751](#)

Both neighboring homes, built in the late 1960s, need critical repairs to address longstanding structural, safety, and habitability issues. Rebuilding Together Central Florida's dedicated team will focus on the following key areas:

- **Exterior Structure:** Replacement of roofs, broken windows, and egress doors to ensure structural integrity and security.
- **Food Prep and Storage Safety:** Upgrading kitchen counters and refrigerators to improve hygiene and functionality.
- **Habitability:** Enhancing temperature control by replacing outdated air conditioning units with new systems that include heating capabilities.
- **Electrical Safety:** Upgrading interior and exterior electrical outlets, switches, and fixtures to meet modern safety standards.
- **Sanitation and Hygiene:** Converting tubs to showers, installing elevated toilets, adding bathroom exhaust vents, and performing drywall repairs to enhance personal care facilities.
- **Miscellaneous Enhancements**
  - Removing discontinued gas heaters that posed a carbon monoxide risk.
  - Pressure washing and soft washing the home exteriors, applying fresh paint in colors chosen by the homeowners, and performing light landscaping, including tree trimming, fence repairs, and flower bed revitalization.

This vital work is generously funded by HELP CDC, whose commitment to community development within the Eatonville Township is making this project possible. Eatonville was the first self-governing all-black municipality in the US; HELP CDC and their community partners are working to keep Eatonville's aging homes livable and their unique community vibrant. "At HELP CDC, we believe that investing in our communities is essential to building a better future for everyone," said Nicole Oriol, Executive Director of HELP CDC. "We are proud to partner with Rebuilding Together Central Florida to bring meaningful improvements to the lives of Eatonville residents."

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**About Rebuilding Together Central Florida**

Rebuilding Together Central Florida (RTCFL) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to repairing homes, revitalizing communities, and rebuilding lives. Since 2000, RTCFL has provided critical home repairs and modifications to low-income homeowners, ensuring they live in safe and healthy environments. Through partnerships with volunteers, donors, and local organizations, RTCFL continues to make a lasting impact on the Central Florida community.