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BOYNTON BEACH, FL, December 1, 2012 – On a recent Saturday, over 40 South Florida Bond Traders Association (SFBTA) members participated in a Habitat for Humanity work day. Working in morning and afternoon shifts with Habitat crew leaders, they sawed and drilled, cut and cleaned, all working together toward preparing a new home for a local family.

The SFBTA is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization whose membership is comprised of investment and trading professionals from the South Florida area, representing over 20 firms involved in the buying, selling, and trading of fixed income securities. SFBTA is committed to providing members with educational opportunities, sponsoring social and networking events to encourage members and other industry professionals to develop and deepen professional relationships, and supporting the South Florida community through funding of local charities and scholarships. In line with that mission, the Habitat for Humanity work day was held to give back to the local community through hands-on volunteering by SFBTA members.

Habitat for Humanity of South Palm Beach County (SPBC) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that works to provide affordable homeownership opportunities for hardworking and deserving families in the cities of Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, and Boca Raton, Florida. They build homes in partnership with families who demonstrate a need for housing and a willingness to work with them to purchase a home of their own. Habitat SPBC depends on volunteer labor and tax-deductible donations of money, materials, services and property to fulfill their mission. Habitat homeowners qualify for an interest-free mortgage, make a modest down payment, and put in 500 hours of "sweat equity" on their home and the homes of other Habitat families. The families also attend monthly workshops on financial management, home maintenance, and similar subjects to prepare them for the responsibilities of home ownership. The mortgages paid by Habitat homeowners in turn help to fund the construction of additional homes in the community. The positive impact of Habitat homeownership is extensive. Stable homeownership increases Palm Beach County's tax base, helps stabilize the school system, and helps revitalize local communities. With safe, decent, and affordable housing, families have security and stability, and are better able to concentrate on parenting, education, and community involvement. (From www.habitatsouthpalmbeach.org)

"It was such a fulfilling way to give back to our community," said SFBTA President George Barbar. "I am extremely proud of our volunteers and would definitely participate in a Habitat build again."

To learn more about SFBTA, please visit www.southfloridabondtraders.org .

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