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Indian River Habitat for Humanity

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Subject: Indian River Habitat for Humanity partners with Raised Floor Living on two Oslo Park homes.

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Vero Beach, Florida - Indian River Habitat for Humanity is partnering with Raised Floor Living to build two homes in its Oslo Park community.

Raised Floor Living is a non-profit trade organization that promotes the traditional pier-and-beam foundation system using the latest construction technologies. The project objective for these two homes is to compare and review the costs and techniques of building with a raised-floor foundation versus a slab-on-grade, and to study potential utility cost savings, while creating affordable, strong and sustainable homes.

Both homes will be built with wood and will demonstrate the sustainable use of wood throughout the construction and the life of the home.

Other benefits of a raised floor home include: reduced insurance rates through strict compliance with building codes and elevation of the living area off the ground; showing wood as the only renewable building material that serves as a natural insulator, thus reducing a home's energy costs significantly.

“We are very pleased to work with Raised Floor Living on these project homes,” said Habitat President Andy Bowler, “Indian River Habitat for Humanity is committed to building the strongest, most efficient, affordable homes for our families and these project homes will explore how to build and reach this goal. We are quite grateful to Raised Floor Living for donating these two homes to our affiliate.”

The build will get under way Saturday, February. 21.