

Neighbors helping neighbors

Volunteers to give fresh coats of paint to 7 homes in need today

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PUNTA GORDA- Seven homes in the greater Punta Gorda area will be getting a face lift Saturday as Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity and TEAM Punta Gorda put on the 6th annual "Paint Your Heart Out Punta Gorda" event.

Volunteers will gather at Deep Creek Community Church (1500 Cooper Street) in Punta Gorda between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. for a light breakfast and a kick-off ceremony.

"PYHO is community at its finest," Gabrielle Reineck, of Charlotte County Habitat, told the *Sun*. "It's neighbors helping neighbors."

The event does more than just paint homes, according to a Charlotte County Habitat press release.

It sends a message of pride and builds a sense of community spirit and unity that will last long after this day of service is over.



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Volunteers take part in "Paint Your Heart Out Punta Gorda" last year. The event is put on by the Charlotte County Habitat for Humanity and TEAM Punta Gorda. A "small army" of local volunteers will work in tandem today to provide seven homes in the greater Punta Gorda area with a much needed face lift, according to a Charlotte County Habitat press release.

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Individual homes selected for painting share a few characteristics:

the homeowner's need for financial assistance

pride of ownership
suitability of the exterior for painting.

In addition to exterior painting, in some instances light repairs will also be completed.

Lunch will be delivered to each home. Work is

expected to be completed by mid-afternoon.

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