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## Janet Huckabee Addresses Haiti Situation & Asks 'Who's Titanic Are We Lifting Today?'

Fort Myers, FL; January 28, 2010 – As the wife of former 2008 Republican presidential candidate and former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, **Janet Huckabee** shared insight Tuesday night at the South Fort Myers Forest Country Club on Habitat's aid in Haiti and encouraged people to get involved. Huckabee touched on her husband's run for the Republican presidential candidate. "You can imagine how much fun we had because my middle and maiden name is McCain. But our whole 2007-2008 experience, our family was dreaming together and it was just an awesome experience and I wouldn't trade anything for it," she said.

As a former board member of the non-profit who's pounded nails in more than 20 states and 4 countries, Huckabee led a "First Ladies" build that included representatives from all 50 states. On Tuesday night, she delivered a message of hope to 250 attendees about the 'tools of the heart'; cash, check, time and prayer and recalled a teary-eyed homeowner once saying 'you have raised my titanic'. Huckabee challenged guests to question themselves 'are we faithful with what we have and who's titanic are we lifting today'.

During the event, Habitat also recognized three standout supporters of its mission; Gerry Lanois with Pelican Landing Community in Bonita Springs, who has raised more than \$300,000 for Habitat's mission, Robb and Stucky Furnishings, who have been a major contributor to Habitat's thrift store and Jo Ann Landes-Ross, a member of Habitat's Faith Relations committee.

Habitat for Humanity of Lee County is a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing in Lee County. Habitat has built more than 1000 homes in Lee County since 1982. Through the use of volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds simple, decent housing for families who otherwise could not afford it. **Homes are sold to the homeowners at no profit on an interest-free mortgage**, making homeownership an affordable reality.