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Grand Slam for Habitat for Humanity

Fort Myers, FL; March 10, 2010 – It was a grand slam for the Minnesota Twins and Habitat for Humanity during the third annual Twins & Pins bowling tournament at Gator Lanes on February 28th. “You get to see people out of uniform and see what they do off the field and that’s for the fans. They get to see us other than on a baseball field flipping a ball around and then we get a chance to say hi and thanks for supporting us,” says Twins manager Ron Gardenhire.

More than a hundred bowlers and ballplayers lined the lanes to bring in more than \$7000 for Habitat’s affordable housing cause. Twins catcher Joe Mauer added, “We’re able to do things as big league ballplayers and it’s a good cause. Fort Myers has been great to us and it’s always nice to give back and get out in the community and show our appreciation.” The tournament was sponsored by Target and Kohls and included raffles and a silent auction to Sanibel’s Tween Waters and Pine Island’s Tarpon Lodge. “It’s an easy way, great way, fun way to raise some money and hopefully help some people out that right now can’t help themselves out,” says Twins pitcher Joe Nathan.

Habitat for Humanity of Lee County is a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing in Lee County. So far, 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.