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## **Connerton Teens Help Turn Aluminum Cans into Habitat for Humanity Homes**

**TAMPA, Fla. (Sept. 2, 2008)** – While many local teenagers have been spending their summers relaxing by the pool or playing video games, a small group of Connerton’s young residents are working hard to improve the lives of others.

Since February, about a dozen members of Connerton’s Teen Quest group have been collecting recyclable cans and donating the money to Habitat for Humanity, as part of a national program called Cans for Habitat.

Phil Borroni, 13, has been leading the teen effort and has even earned himself the nickname “The Can Man.” He has already helped the team collect several thousand cans, but has no plans of stopping.

“By doing this, we’re helping other people who live outside of our community,” Borroni said. “But, we’re also helping Connerton by bringing people together for a common goal.”

Brothers Alex, 13, and Anthony LeFebvre, 12, agree they enjoy participating in helping others who may not have what they take for granted – a roof over their heads.

Jon Liles is the club manager for Connerton’s coming activities center, Club Connerton. He helps Phil and the other teens by taking cans collected and dropped off at the Rose Cottage Welcome Center to a can collection house in Wesley Chapel. From there, a Habitat for Humanity volunteer turns the cans into the local recycling center to generate money for the Cans for Habitat program.

“We’re doing two great things simultaneously. We’re recycling and we’re helping build houses for people in need,” Liles said.

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Connerton's activities director, Amy Maher, has been working with the group to increase awareness of this program within the community.

"Our goal is to have an entire community donating cans to help Habitat for Humanity," Maher said.

Liles, Maher, Borroni the LeFebvres, and the others involved are taking steps to expand the program throughout Connerton.

### **About Connerton**

Connerton is a 4,800-acre mixed-use master planned community in central Pasco County and the only "New Town" currently under construction in the greater Tampa Bay area. In total, approximately 8,500 residential units are planned with more than 3 million square feet of commercial space for office, retail and industrial uses. The Arbors, the first village in Connerton, is nearly sold out. Village Two, The Gardens, is now selling.

The community currently features amenities that include a Village Center with a Publix Super Market, banks and other convenient shops and services, as well as walking trails, boardwalks, neighborhood parks and conservation areas. Club Connerton, a complex including a fitness center, a pool and an amphitheatre, is now under construction. A hospital, medical offices, a regional park, three schools and a town center are also planned.

For more information on Connerton, call (813) 995-2460 or visit [www.connerton.com](http://www.connerton.com).

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