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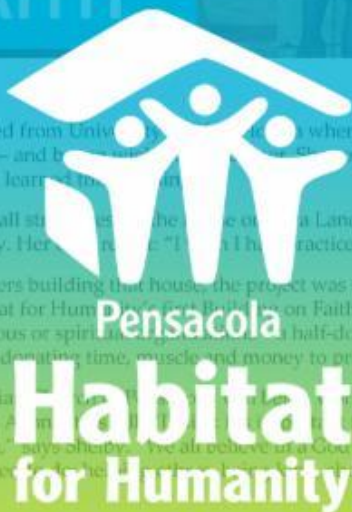
Shelby Andrews had just graduated from University of Florida when she signed in at one of Pensacola's latest Habitat builds – her first ever – and by the end of the day she was confident later that day, "I know nothing about building a house – just what I learned today."

Anne Rogers, who helped put up wall studs for the house on 11th Lane in north Pensacola on the first day of its build, did a lot of nailing that day. Her first experience: "I wish I had practiced hammering before I went."

For Shelby and Anne and many others building that house, the project was their first, but for all it was definitely a fit. The build was Pensacola Habitat for Humanity's "Build on Faith" construction, for which volunteers represented a cross-section of religious or spiritual backgrounds. A half-dozen or more Pensacola-area faith communities working together and donating time, muscle, and money to provide a neighbor a home.

Shelby, a member of First Presbyterian Church of Pensacola, was working on a master of divinity at Columbia University seminary in a program that encourages students for us to celebrate and recognize what we have in common," says Cheryl. "We all believe in a God of choice; many sects have a similarity in things we're asked to do: love, kindness, and showing compassion."

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## Register for the 2016 Women Build!

What is Women Build? A community build event that brings people together to construct a new home for a family in our community. Twelve teams of 10 individuals join together to:

- Raise funds to build a home
- Physically construct a home
- Build awareness throughout the community about the importance of affordable, secure, decent homes
- Bring new women and groups into the mission for affordable housing
- Have fun!



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