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Wells Fargo Donates Hope...

Jacksonville, Fla., January 9, 2012- Wells Fargo has awarded a \$10,000 grant to support Operation New Hope (ONH), a nonprofit organization providing affordable housing and job training services to Jacksonville residents. The gift helps provide needed resources or funding to acquire blighted properties for future development and offer certified vocational training for Ready4Work participants. "Without strong community support from local companies, we wouldn't be able to provide services that give families hope," said Brittany Anthony, Director of Fund Development for ONH.

"One of our top priorities at Wells Fargo is community development," said Valerie Hendriex, Community Development Officer for Wells Fargo. "So we are very proud to support the efforts of Operation New Hope in helping to rebuild our communities."

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Operation New Hope is dedicated to providing individuals and families with the opportunities and tools to rebuild their lives and restore their communities through sustainable economic development initiatives.

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