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Message From the Director

**July has been a great month here at
Habitat for Humanity of the NC Sandhills!**



This month we have secured the 12 churches needed to begin our next Apostle's Build in Moore County, and are hard at work on doing the same for our next Richmond County home, set to begin in September.

In addition, we are completing construction and preparing for a new home dedication next month in the Dobbins Heights community of Hamlet. Construction continues on homes in Aberdeen, sponsored by St. Joseph of the Pines, and West Southern Pines, the subject of a feature article that appeared in the Pilot newspaper.

New home construction will soon begin in Robbins, with additional builds in West Southern Pines and Hamlet.

Volunteers are the backbone of Habitat. We are seeking your assistance and talents in a number of areas, both on construction sites and in our Moore and Richmond County ReStores.

No experience is necessary to become a Habitat volunteer. Whether you are a professional builder or have never swung a hammer before, we welcome you. Retail experience is not necessary to help in our stores.

For more information contact Volunteer Coordinator Rosemary Weber at 910-295-1934.

Thank you all for a fantastic month!

Amie Fraley
Executive Director

'Walls-Up' Day

Special for New Habitat Homeowner

By JOHN LENTZ

Development and Communications Director

Tears, hugs and well wishes were in abundance for a west Southern Pines woman last month when a force of volunteers came together to help make her “greatest dream” come true.



More than 50 volunteers from CrossFit 611 and the Sandhills PCA Church joined with Habitat for Humanity of the NC Sandhills workers for a special “Walls-Up” day that marks the beginning of framework construction for a Habitat home.

Held on July 9, the event was only one of many steps necessary to become a Habitat homeowner, a process Hollingsworth said was “well worth” the outcome.

“If you want to become a Habitat homeowner, you have to work hard,” she said. “I didn’t get approved my first time because I had to learn budgeting, but I took classes and learned how to manage money.” “After being approved as a Habitat homeowner, you become part of a team and a family. You assist volunteers as they build your own house, and you help other homeowners construct their homes as well. My advice is to save, sacrifice, don’t get into debt, and don’t take ‘no’ for an answer.



“Everyone deserves a decent place to live, and becoming a homeowner is worth all the hard work necessary to become one.”

A native of Red Springs, Hollingsworth has lived in Moore County for 11 years. She currently resides in a small apartment with family members while she awaits her new home.

Her mother and grandparents were not homeowners, Hollingsworth said, and tears fell as she described the feeling of having “what they couldn’t.”

“My grandparents never had their own house, but I know they are proud of us,” she said. “They said they wanted to see me succeed, and I feel I am doing that.

“I am super, super excited that the walls of my house are going up. To have a

yard for my children in a safe neighborhood is a dream come true, and I thank Habitat and the volunteers who came out today from the bottom of my heart.”

The atmosphere of camaraderie and teamwork was contagious, with passersby shouting well wishes to Hollingsworth and her family. One future neighbor, Willie “June” Douglas, stopped by the site to ask how he could help as a Habitat volunteer.

“I’m happy to do what I can,” he said. “I’m retired now, but I have experience in heating and air, and also in plumbing. I look forward to helping Jenitta and others get their homes ready for them to move in.”

At the work site, CrossFit 611 volunteers combined hammering nails and raising walls with workout sessions during their breaks.

“It’s nice to get my heart pumping during workout breaks because it helps maintain my energy level, especially when I begin getting a ‘blaa’ feeling while doing construction,” said volunteer Lynette Carruth.

“We had a lot of people sign up from CrossFit 611 to help out today, but we had to cut off the number at 30 and put the others on a waiting list. We’ll be back, though, because everyone enjoys helping at Habitat. We’re all really enjoying being out here today.”

Habitat Executive Director Amie Fraley called Hollingsworth an “exemplary” Habitat homeowner.

“Jenitta has a great spirit, and she’s so thankful and excited, and will be teaching a class on budgeting for the benefit of other potential homeowners after going through that process herself,” Fraley said. “She’s been a great person to partner with, and we are very proud of her accomplishments.”

To be considered for ownership of a Habitat home, the applicant must have good credit, take home ownership classes, work as a volunteer on various Habitat homes, and meet other requirements. Applicants then purchase their homes with zero percent interest mortgages.

Hollingsworth will share her home with daughter Jha’Nhariah, 13, and her 9-year old son, Ja’Bez.

To become a Habitat volunteer, contact Rosemary Weber at 910-295-1934.

***This article first appeared in The Pilot newspaper.**

Volunteer Spotlight



Mary Chapman

This article praising a dedicated Habitat volunteer appears courtesy of the Moore County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

Mary Chapman promised herself years ago that if she was healthy when she retired, she would use her secretarial/administrative skills to help others and her community. And help she has!

Habitat for Humanity, Moore Free and Charitable Clinic, and the Boys and Girls Club of the Sandhills all benefit from

Mary's labors of love. Last quarter alone her volunteer hours totaled 158! Caroline Eddy, director of the Boys & Girls Club, relates that Mary "is one of those special volunteers that is always there when you need them. We are extremely grateful for all the time and talents she shares to help the kids!"

Mary states that, "If I felt as appreciated as a member of the workforce as I do as a volunteer, I would probably still be gainfully employed!" Oh, and just for "fun," Mary also volunteers at the Sunrise Theater.

Thank you Mary. You have fulfilled your promise to yourself and your community.



Nancy Kees

Nancy Kees is what we call a "Habitat Vet."

She cashiers every Tuesday and Saturday morning. On Tuesdays, she would be accompanied by the late Judy Giles and they would call Tuesdays, in fun, "insult the customer" day!

ReStore manager Dondi Jones said Nancy has been "a pleasure to work with" for the past 9 years.

"(Her) opinions and suggestions (are) all about how to make

Habitat a better place," Jones said.

"We love her and cherish her for the things she does for us, so we are honoring Nancy as our volunteer of the month for July."

June Co-Volunteers Recognized

Burgess, Williams Cited for Exceptional Work



Donna Burgess is one of our longtime volunteers at Habitat for Humanity of the NC Sandhills. Donna comes in "like a thief in the night" and gets right to work to get the job on our database entries. She volunteers about three days a week, and we at Habitat really appreciate everything she does for us. For her hard work and devotion to Habitat, we recognize her as a June co-volunteer of the

month at Habitat.

Melissa Williams is a "volunteer extraordinaire" who gives her time and energy to the Habitat ReStore every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., where she operates

the cash register ringing up customer purchases.

Melissa is excellent at what she does, and we at Habitat thank her for her work by honoring her as co-volunteer of the month for June.

Habitat Needs Volunteers

Habitat for Humanity of the NC Sandhills
is currently seeking volunteers in the following areas:

- **Repairs:**

Not only does Habitat build homes and need volunteers on the job site, but we also do repairs for qualified homeowners – Repairs are needed because of the age of the home, element damage or needs of a handicapped homeowner such as a ramp, etc. possibly.

- **On Site Construction Crews:**

We work Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. – snacks and lunch are provided

- **Group Builds:**

If you know of an organization that would like to come out as a team for the day and do a group build event, please let us know. These group builds are a lot of fun and when you leave the site you have a tremendous feeling of accomplishment for give to a deserving family.

- **Restore:**

We can always use help in the Restore, at the register in the warehouse price and getting- items ready to go on the floor. Restore shift hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 until 5 p.m.

- **Receptionist:**

With summer approaching and vacation time upon us we need subs to cover for our volunteer receptionist, answering the phone, greeting guests, making copies, and folding brochures.

- **Sparkle Crew:**

Prior to homes being dedicated we need a group of volunteers along with the homeowner, to help make the house sparkling clean. After the construction is done, there is always stickers on the windows and bath tubs, saw dust in the cabinets, etc. all of which needs to be cleaned before the home dedication.

- **Landscape Team:**

Volunteers needed to plant shrubs, flowers at the new home sites prior to dedication day. Plants, shrubs, mulch, etc. will all be delivered on site and ready for planting, but we need all those volunteers with “Green Thumbs” to help us beautify the property. Habitat for Humanity builds innovative and affordable homes for hardworking families in the Sandhills.

- **Homeownership:**

Our homeowners have household incomes between 30%-60% of the county's median income (eg. \$19,200-\$38,400 for a family of 4). Our goal is to provide a “hand up, not a handout.” We are proud to have partnered with over 30 FirstHealth employees in our 27 years of service to the community. To learn more about homeownership opportunities with Habitat, visit sandhillshabitat.org or contact us at 910-295-1934.

Please keep these volunteer needs in mind when you are at your next meeting, at church or at a social gathering. If there are any questions or suggestions, please do

not hesitate to contact me. Only through the efforts and support of our volunteers are we able to accomplish our mission for deserving families and the community.

**Thank you ,
Rosemary Weber
Habitat for Humanity of the Sandhills
Volunteer Coordinator
910-295-1934 (office)
910-638-9752 (Cell)**

Data Entry Volunteer Sought

Do you have data entry experience? If so, Habitat for Humanity of the NC Sandhills needs your help.

Habitat is currently seeking someone able to assist with the completion of an economic development analysis of our affiliate. The time would consist of approximately 40-80 hours of data entry

“This would be a great gig for a high schooler in need of some time away from home in August,” said Habitat Executive Director Amie Fraley. “Please consider spending some time with us this summer if this sounds like something you would be interested in doing.”

Call 910-295-1934 for more information.



Moore County ReStore News
By Kim Kinney / ReStore Director



Thank you for all the hard work from our volunteers and staff, you made this past fiscal year a huge success. We are now getting ready to have another successful fiscal year with exciting things in the works.

Looking to fill our monthly calendar with “Stuff The ReStore” events. Pinewild has reserved 4 consecutive Thursdays in Aug. and Sept for this event. Stuff the Truck is where we bring our ReStore Truck to your community, church etc. to collect your gently used donations of home goods, furniture, building supplies and more. If you would like to find out more about Stuff the ReStore Truck coming to your area please call Kim at 910-295-1934

We have free pick-ups: call 910-295-2798 to schedule.

We always need volunteers. Call 910-295-1934 and ask for our volunteer coordinator.

Merchandise changes daily at our ReStores. Come on in for home goods, furniture, building supplies and more.

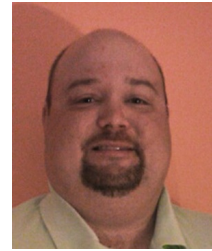
Examples of business partnership donations to our ReStores:

Every quarter, a company donates a tractor trailer load of vinyl and carpet flooring; After remodeling, a local inn donated beds, headboards and more; Plywood and wood trim; Pallets of floor resurfacing products. If you are remodeling,

renovating, or just plain cleaning out your attic, garage, or office space, think of ReStores!!

Richmond County ReStore Update

By Trey Robbins / ReStore Manager



We are wishing for cooler weather here at the Richmond County ReStore, so we now have our Christmas sales area open. Come in and cool off while shopping for everyone's favorite holiday.

We currently have NEW vinyl flooring, a large selection of Living Room furniture, and lots of home decor for everyone's home. As school starts back this coming month, please remember that donations are what supports building homes in Richmond County, and we can use anything you no longer need, including school uniforms.

Lastly, as you may be home the remainder of this summer trying to stay cool, get out of the house and stay cool volunteering at the ReStore, there is always a need for dedicated volunteers!

Business Build Contribution Levels Announced

We at Habitat are excited to launch our 2017 Business Build, an initiative in which your organization can contribute toward helping Moore County residents in need.

The drive kicks off with a breakfast event at the Country Club of North Carolina on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 8 a.m. We invite all area business owners or their representatives to attend, where they can learn more about this exciting new way to contribute to the betterment of Moore County.



Reservations for the breakfast and more information about the Business build may be made by calling Amie Fraley or John Lentz at 910-295-1934.

Here are the contribution levels and the benefits for participating businesses:

\$5,000 – Platinum Pinnacle

- Recognition as a Platinum Pinnacle Sponsor in all affiliate communications (website, social media, signage, print materials, annual Gala program) with link to Sponsor website from Habitat site
- 4 tickets to Habitat's Annual Gala
- All benefits included at Golden Gable level

\$2,500 – Golden Gable

- Recognition as a Golden Gable Sponsor in affiliate communications (website,

- social media, signage, print materials)
- Display in 2 ReStores (59,000 shoppers annually)
- All benefits included at Silver Stud level

\$1,000 – Silver Stud

- Recognition as a Silver Stud Sponsor in affiliate communications (website, social media, signage, print materials)
- Social Media Promotion When Your Volunteers are on the Work Site
- ReStore Gift Certificate for Each Volunteer who contributes 6 hours to construction or ReStore as part of the Business Build
- Wall Stud for display and signature use at Sponsor's Workplace week prior to Build
- All benefits included at Bronze Builder level

\$500 – Bronze Builder

- Feature in E-Newsletter
- All benefits included at Copper Contractor level

\$250 – Copper Contractor

- Listing in House Dedication Program
- Listing in E-Newsletter
- One-year use of Habitat for Humanity of the NC Sandhills "Business Build 2017" digital icon
- All benefits included at Iron Icon level

\$100 – Iron Icon

- Listing in Annual Report and House Dedication Program

Call Amie Fraley or John Lentz at 910-295-1934

Want to make a difference in the lives of Richmond County residents in need?

Habitat for Humanity of the Sandhills is seeking assistance from the Richmond County church community for an "Apostle's Build," in which 12 churches join together to build a home through donations of money, labor and love to benefit a family seeking assistance.

For the Richmond County Apostle's Build structure, each church pledges \$3,000 and volunteers for three build days toward construction, payable through installments. Habitat will add the remaining 50 percent of the sponsorship.

In return, churches will receive benefits including a presence on our website, opportunities for Habitat representatives to speak at church services or meetings, and promotion in all social media and print materials.

Habitat is committed to building innovative but affordable housing for sale to hardworking families in Richmond County with 0% interest mortgages. Each homeowner also contributes 300 hours of "sweat equity" and attends homeownership

classes.

The time is now, and this cannot happen without you. Richmond County residents are in need, and your help is essential. If your congregation wants to make real change for your fellow county residents, please contact John Lentz at 910-295-1934 or jlentz@sandhillshabitat.org for details.



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