

The faces of Habitat

CONSIDERING THE MISSION STATEMENT of Habitat, this past year saw much of God's love put into action as the communities we call home came together to work side by side with partner families building their dream in the counties of Prince Edward, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, and Nelson. And while God is the most important part of our mission



housing becomes affordable through a Habitat home, the positive ripple effect can change everything. So who are our neighbors that fall into this category? They are working beside teachers at the school to educate our children. They are raising a family while working long shifts serving food at a local restaurant. They are taking care of our grandparents at the nursing home and then going home to care for their families. They are Girl Scout leaders, football coaches, and caregivers for family members. They are



statement, so too are the people. Because although the home may be the end product, it's never just about building another house. It's always about the people, the community.

That is why you will not find a picture of just a house in these pages. The house stands as the backdrop for the faces of the Habitat families, along with the volunteers, donors, and supporters who embrace their neighbor with a helping hand so they may build their own brighter future.

The call to love our neighbor was spoken of by Jesus in the pages of the Bible. Once he was asked, "Just who is my neighbor?" So, today who are our neighbors that are served by the mission of Habitat? Recently, the United Way published a revolutionary way of understanding the needs in our community. Called the ALICE report, it shines the spotlight on those whose



income is above the federal poverty level but not enough to meet a basic household budget. In the five counties we serve, 37% of our neighbors fall into this category, including our Habitat families. Since housing costs are such a large part of monthly budgets, when

givers who serve their families and their communities. And, we are blessed to be able to give back to them. Thank you for choosing to join us in loving our neighbors through housing. The mission would not be possible without the support of all who embrace the vision of a world where everyone has a safe, decent, affordable place to call home.

MISSION

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Meet Becky

GROWING UP WITH frequent moves due to her dad's work, Becky never experienced remaining at one school for any length of time. Desiring roots in one place, Becky has spent the last thirteen years sharing her parents' house. The positive outcomes for her and her daughter have been tremendous. Penny is active in sports, Girl Scouts, and the local Waterworks theater group. Becky invests her time greatly in her daughter, serving as her Scout leader and getting involved in her other interests as well. She enjoys working with children in a variety of settings, including her job as a teacher's assistant at the middle school.

Although the arrangement of extended family living together has been a blessing for all of them, Becky desires a place for her and Penny to truly call their own. Ready to make this dream a reality, Becky had her Habitat application ready as soon as the application period opened and has been hard at work earning her sweat equity, the hundreds of hours each Habitat family must invest working on their own home along with someone else's. Currently you can find her almost every Saturday at the Cumberland build site, helping another Habitat family finish their house. Becky looks forward to those Saturdays, as she has found a special community of friends that laugh hard while they work hard. Soon that same community will be helping her and Penny realize their dream.



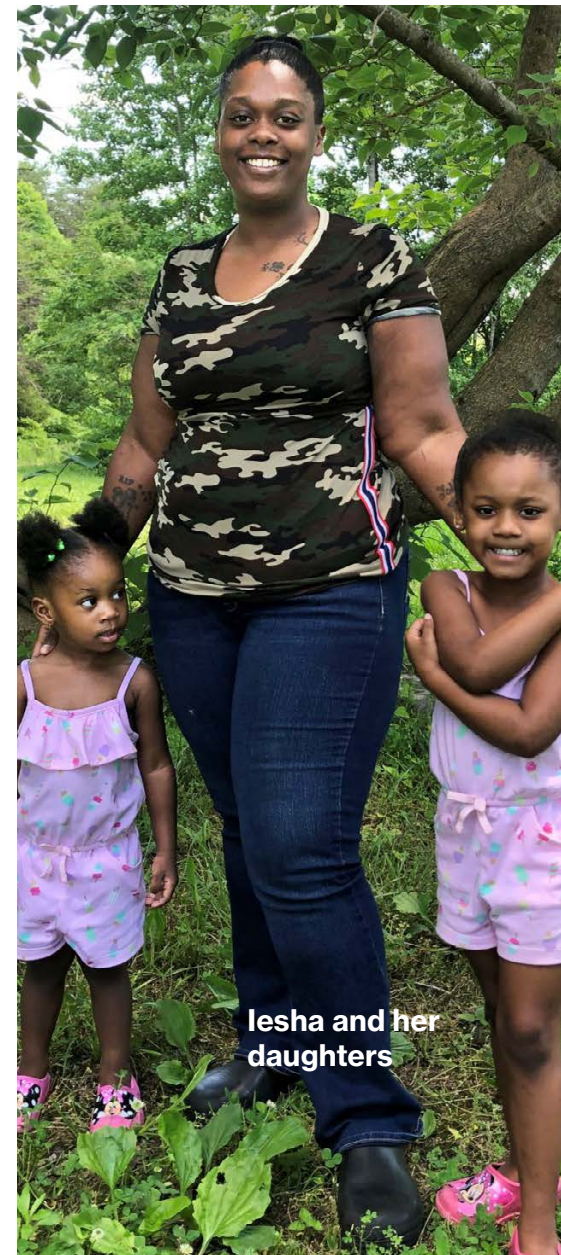
Becky and her daughter

Iesha found the homeowner education classes required for every Habitat family very helpful and feels she has learned much about personal finance. As she works hard to prepare for her future, she has a solid network of family and friends who help her with childcare and rides to work as she strives for something more. To this strong support network, we are now overjoyed to bring the entire community to her side to help her as she builds her family's happily ever after through affordable homeownership.

Meet Iesha

AS THE MOTHER OF THREE YOUNG girls, Iesha notes that having her first child changed everything and led her to shift her focus to someone beyond herself. She gives tirelessly to her family, working long hours in the food service industry so she can provide for her girls. In addition, Iesha also has education goals for herself, as she wants to show her children the importance of learning.

As she seeks to better her family, her limited income forces her to often rent places that are in need of repairs. She knows that her own Habitat home will greatly reduce the stress she feels every time she looks at all the repairs that need to be done. Continuing to envision that brighter future, she looks forward to the simple things such as decorating and painting her daughter's bedrooms.



Iesha and her daughters



Rosa and her daughter

The community is ready to roll up their sleeves and help her raise the walls on her family's future.

Meet Rosa

HAVING LIVED IN PRINCE EDWARD County all her life, Rosa has deep roots in the community. This can be easily seen at the counter of a local eating spot in downtown Farmville, where for nineteen years Rosa has taken care of the needs of regular customers. After working her shift six days a week, she goes home and cares for her teenage daughter.

There is one part of her routine Rosa wants to change, and that is constantly renting a place to live. Both she and her daughter are looking forward to having a place they can call their own, a place to be a typical teenager who enjoys time with friends, a house where they can build a lifelong home. Rosa first learned about Habitat years ago from a friend who became a Habitat homeowner. Having applied before but not being approved, Rosa did not give up on her dream. She recently applied once again. Upon telling her church pastor of her dream, he told Rosa he would be in prayer. When Rosa received the phone call that she had been approved this time, she says she literally jumped for joy, as she was overwhelmed by the good news.

Rosa's roots run deep in Farmville. Now she will have the deep roots of a safe, decent, affordable home of her own.



Stella and her daughters

Meet Stella

STELLA FIRST CONTACTED HABITAT requesting assistance from our Brush with Kindness minor home repair program. However, the family home she had grown up in for over fifty years and the home where she raised her own family was in need of repair beyond what could be offered. But the story didn't end there. Stella was able to qualify for our new homeownership program, and now she and her two adult daughters are anticipating continuing to create treasured family memories, just with a new address.

Adding to the theme of family, Stella's granddaughter donated a portion of her family's land to give her

a place to build this new home. So soon this close-knit family that looks out for one another will be more than just family; they will be neighbors.

Stella and her daughters are loved by their small town of Drakes Branch and by their church family. The community is ready to roll up their sleeves and help her raise the walls on her family's future. But nobody is more ready than Stella herself. She jokes that as soon as she sees walls and a roof you will find her heading over to the site with her sleeping bag! Here's to the next fifty years and beyond for this sweet family's own safe haven.



Full home rehabilitation

Prince Edward

THE YEAR BEGAN WITH THE completion of a full home rehabilitation in the Pamplin area. This happens when we are able to receive a vacant home and make it like new. These are win-win scenarios as another local family is able to experience the benefits of affordable homeownership while another vacant home is rescued from falling into complete disrepair.

Not far from that site, over in the Prospect area, is the Birdhouse Build. It is so named to pay tribute to the tremendous work put into getting the house started by the Eagles of Prince Edward County Public Schools and the Falcons of Fuqua School. Following some unforeseen construction delays, building is once again in full swing.

The full swing work of Habitat would not be possible without the support of hundreds of volunteers each year, volunteers such as the Rotary Club of Farmville who recently spent a Saturday alongside youth from various local churches working at the Birdhouse Build. Valued volunteer partners also include the Fresh Boyz Club, who helped conduct neighborhood surveys, raised money, and worked alongside the youth group of Farmville United Methodist Church on a neighborhood beautification project which benefitted Habitat homeowners.

The local work also depends on many financial supporters, such as the longtime assistance of the Walter J. Payne Foundation, the United Way of Prince Edward, and the Prince Edward County government.



Fresh Boyz Club

Nelson

THE NELSON COUNTY HABITAT FOR Humanity built twenty-six homes in twenty-five years as an all-volunteer led organization. Desiring to see that capacity continue and even grow with new programs, they approached Farmville Habitat about merging into our affiliate. As of July 1, in order to truly embrace our regional identity now covering five counties, the Farmville Area Habitat for Humanity became Piedmont Habitat for Humanity.

The reality of a merger on the horizon did not lead Nelson County Habitat to stop working. Over the



Birdhouse Build

summer, we celebrated together as the new Piedmont Habitat as they dedicated their most recent home with Rene and his family.

One of the keys to success in the ability to consistently serve families in Nelson is a unique partnership with Nelson County High School. Led by teacher Paul Connell, many of the recent homes have been built in large part in the back lot of the school. Not only does it greatly benefit Habitat and the families we serve, but it also makes a difference in the futures of the students involved in the build as they learn a multitude of valuable skills that make them immediately employable in the building trades industry.

We are excited about serving the residents of Nelson County and have already begun to make great connections in the community. We look forward to continuing to build on the solid foundation laid by the work of so many over these last 25 years.



Rene and his family



Student volunteers

Buckingham

ANOTHER HOME IS ALMOST COMPLETE on the Habitat block located in the town of Dillwyn. Doreen's home will be the final of three that sit as neighbors on a cozy and quiet road just off of Main Street.

From the time the community gathered with Doreen at the groundbreaking ceremony, there has been much joy on site as volunteers help her build — including a great crew of volunteers from the Boxley Company, who took a day away from work to give back. Support from Buckingham High School saw carpentry students build a shed for Doreen.

There has also been shared tears as the Habitat family mourned with Doreen in the passing of her mom during the year. As a full-time caregiver, Doreen first came to Habitat seeking to build a home for herself and her mother. Bolstered by a community which loves her, Doreen has continued to work hard on her dream, knowing that her mother did get to see construction on the house begin. There will be much celebration, and likely some tears once again, when Doreen steps through that front door. Having been a caregiver for so long, it is a blessing for the Habitat community to give her some much deserved care.

Following her build, the Buckingham group is preparing to launch into the next build with land graciously donated in Dillwyn. Thanks to a



Doreen breaks ground

grant from the Philanthropy Class at Hampden-Sydney College, a house sponsorship program for construction of that home is now underway. Continued support from Kyanite Mining and the Melvin C. Draft Foundation is also vital to the local work.



Grant from H-SC class



Doreen with her community

Cumberland

FOLLOWING AN INDOOR GROUND-breaking due to bad weather, Saturdays have been fast and furious in Cumberland, as a dedicated group of core volunteers works tirelessly

to finish the second Habitat home in Cumberland. Joining that group is future homeowner Tarika, as she balances Saturday builds with a full-time job in patient care and raising her three children.

The community has rallied behind this build in very special ways. Almost every Saturday sees a different local church providing lunches for the volunteers. Cumberland High School has continued their tradition of building sheds for Habitat homes. In addition, a Habitat Campus Chapter has just formed at the school, with students already coming out for a build day. The carpentry class also made two beautiful Adirondack chairs which were raffled to raise money for the build.

Adding to this great community spirit was the contribution of the Farmville Wells Fargo Bank, who both provided volunteers for a build day and helped Habitat receive multiple grants toward the construction. The Cumberland supporters have the goal of celebrating Christmas with Tarika in her brand new Habitat home.



Cumberland volunteers



Indoor groundbreaking

Charlotte

ON A RECENT SATURDAY MORNING, many in Drakes Branch gathered to celebrate a groundbreaking ceremony with Stella and her family. The spirit of community was evident as speakers included a local pastor, the mayor of Drakes Branch, and a local beloved doctor who is also the Habitat advocate helping mentor Stella through the process.

Soon the shovels will start digging and the foundation will be laid, marking the start of Habitat's first new home construction in Charlotte County. Joining the local Habitat movement is the carpentry class at Randolph-Henry High School. They have committed to building sheds and recently finished their first one.

In addition to volunteers, local donors are crucial to Habitat's success.



The Charlotte County Lions Club has supported Habitat's work in Charlotte from the start.

In addition to helping families achieve homeownership, the Brush with Kindness program helps existing homeowners with minor, exterior repairs. Recently, volunteers finished rebuilding both the front and back porches for a family in Saxe, helping assure safety for years to come.



ReStore

THE RESTORE IS A HOME improvement center where gently used items are donated and then sold, with the proceeds benefitting the mission of Habitat to serve those in need of safe, decent, affordable housing. Items include furniture, household goods, appliances, building supplies, books, paint, and much more.

The big news for the ReStore this past year is the new location at a larger space at 1550 South Main Street, next to the Farmville Food Lion. The move has seen many new customers come to experience the deep discounts available, as well as regulars



commenting on the much brighter and open new space.

The ReStore is not only a great place to donate and shop, but also to volunteer. These include volunteers such as Cindy, Izzy, and Barbara, who have faithfully come every week for many years. They also include the help of many students

such as the Tri Sigma sorority at Longwood University, who are always willing to lend a hand. And although it's a new location, Santa has the new address as the popular Santa Mail returns again this year. Children can send their letters to Santa at the ReStore's very own North Pole express mailbox. They are also invited to a special event with Santa himself on December 21.

Keep up to date with all the great ReStore deals on Facebook at Farmville Area Habitat for Humanity ReStore and on Instagram at farmvillearearestore. Call to schedule a free pick-up of your donation at 434-392-6627.





Golden Hammer volunteers

Golden Hammer

EACH NOVEMBER, HABITAT BEGINS a season of gratitude with the annual Golden Hammer Awards. This celebration brings together Habitat homeowners, volunteers, and donors to celebrate another year of joining together in love of neighbors.

The highlight of the evening is always the homeowner panel, hearing stories and sharing laughter and tears as Habitat families share their experience. It takes the support of many individuals and organizations to help the vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live come to be realized. This event serves to highlight the work of a few of these great partners, noted in the column to the right.

Held at the Moton Museum, 125 neighbors gathered together to celebrate. Special thanks goes to



Rita, Jayne, and Jen

our local Walgreens, who graciously sponsored the evening. Also receiving special recognition were Rita Rountree for ten years as Habitat's bookkeeper, Jayne Johnson, celebrating fifteen years as Executive Director of Piedmont Habitat, and Jen Fraley for six years on the Board of Directors, including serving as the current President.

Pig roast

ANOTHER GREAT FALL EVENT IS THE Habitat for Humanity Pig Roast. Completing its third year, the evening saw a great crowd come together once again at the Farmville Community Marketplace to enjoy food from The Fishin' Pig, craft beer from Three Roads Brewing Company, and the soulful musical expressions of local favorite Class Act. We thank all who came out to make this night a success. We especially thank the many local sponsors, noted at right, who generously gave at various levels.



GOLDEN HAMMER VOLUNTEERS

Fresh Boyz Club
Zaareah Robinson
Dionna Welton-Boxley
L.D. Phaup
Renata Chambers
Anna Stinson
Andree Oldershaw
Raymond Booker
Dale and Paula Totten
Mary Jackson

GOLDEN HAMMER BUSINESS

Walmart

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Charlotte County Lions Club

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Sheri Almond

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Nelson County Habitat Board of Directors
Nelson County Public Schools

PREMIER LEVEL



WHOLE HOG LEVEL



HALF RACK LEVEL



LITTLE PIGGY LEVEL





Dennis Burley



Mary Shepherd



Dan Dwyer



Fred McGee



Stacey Wilkerson

New staff and board members

IN 2019, THREE NEW STAFF MEMBERS joined the team at Piedmont Habitat.

Dennis Burley came on board as the new Construction Manager. He brings a vast experience of construction knowledge and volunteer coordination. Most recently, he was the Home Repair Coordinator/Safety Officer for the Appalachia Service Project. Prior to that, he operated his own construction business for fifteen years.

Mary Shepherd is the new Volunteer Coordinator and Office Manager. She comes with a wealth of community engagement across a variety of sectors: Resident Assistant while at Longwood University, teacher at Fuqua Lower School, children's and youth ministry leader in the local church, and associate at the fast-paced customer-oriented Enterprise Rentals.

Dan Dwyer is the latest addition to the staff in the newly created position of Director of Family Services. Dan brings a rich history of working with clients from his thirty-five plus years managing Farmville Printing. As a member of the Farmville Town Council, he is committed to giving

back to his community. This new position is made possible through generous grants from both the Centra Foundation and the Bama Works Fund of the Dave Matthews Band.

Come by and meet the new staff at our brand new office location. We can be found at 1512 South Main Street, next door to the Farmville Belk's and in the same shopping center as our recently relocated ReStore.

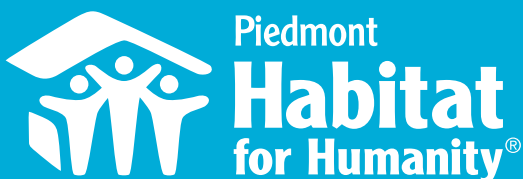
This year Habitat also welcomed two new members to its Board of Directors. Fred McGee, now retired, brings over 30 years of experience in strategic planning, business development, and

public affairs as a Senior Health Career Executive. Prior to the recent merger, McGee was president of the Nelson County Habitat for Humanity and now represents Nelson on the Piedmont Habitat Board.

Stacey Wilkerson has served in various roles with Habitat for Humanity from 2009 to 2016, beginning with organizing volunteer opportunities for college students. She currently works in the Office for Inclusion and Diversity at Virginia Tech and also teaches part-time in the Counselor Education program at Longwood University.

Did you know ...

... that all Habitat Homeowners have a demonstrated need for an improved housing solution, agree to pay an affordable mortgage, take homeownership education classes, and invest between 200 and 400 hours of sweat-equity, volunteering on their own home and another Habitat home? The open application period to become a Habitat Partner Family will occur in early 2020. Your ongoing support makes it possible to continue to serve our neighbors with loving action. Thank you.



29 YEARS

43 HOMES

The mission is possible only with your help

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Share Your Talents



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