

Multiplication

WHAT A WAY TO END THE YEAR, with four ribbons being cut on four new homes. This past year marked an important milestone in being able to serve even more. Since forming in 1990, Piedmont Habitat has built or repaired 75 homes. Almost all of those have been one home at a time. But, in 2023 planning and construction happened across four different development sites. In Prince Edward, four new homeowners celebrated their new Farmville addresses. The Nottoway three-home development site saw ground broken and construction now in full swing. Two foundations were set at the Nelson site, where one home is now halfway complete. Finally, preliminary work continues in preparation for a five-home development in Charlotte.

This move from a builder to a developer, from addition to multiplication is important. The need for quality, affordable housing only continues to grow. Study after study confirms the many positive benefits that come when such housing can be attained — health, education, financial security, and more. Everyone deserves the opportunity to thrive.

This cannot happen apart from a community that comes together to love our neighbors through shelter. With the deepest of gratitude, we are forever thankful for the donors, volunteers, and supporters who join forces in this important work. Together, united, we build.

The biblical story of feeding the multitude begins with a little boy who offers his five loaves and two fish. Jesus then takes that, gives thanks, and proceeds to feed multiple thousands of



Congratulations Inette, Amy, Diana, and Zachariah on your tremendous accomplishments.



people. The heart of our mission is to put God's love into action. And, so we give praise to God who is the ultimate provider of all the resources needed for this work, who multiplies what we offer, and whose compassion serves as our guide.

MISSION

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

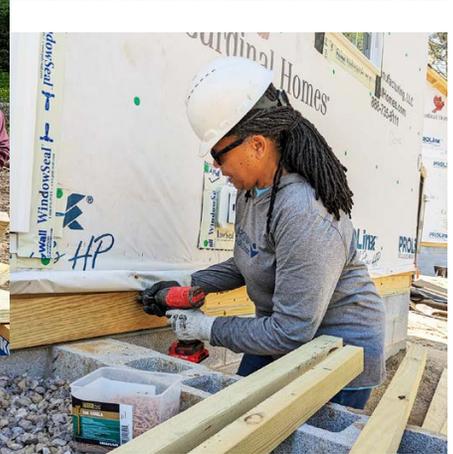
Welcome to the Neighborhood

DIANA, AMY, INETTE, AND ZACHARIAH each had the dream of becoming a homeowner. Now, after months of hard work, they know the joy of bringing those dreams to life, as they wake up each morning in their brand new Habitat homes.

Their journey included many hours volunteering on Habitat projects, along with serving at other nonprofits in the area. As they focused on their homes, their personal style shined in selecting colors, flooring, and cabinets. Built in partnership with Cardinal Homes, these were our first modular homes. And as each home was set by crane on its foundation, the future homeowners watched in anticipation.

While these homes were delivered with the majority of work completed, there was still plenty to do. As each labored to finish their homes, they were joined by supporters eager to lend a hand. Over 190 volunteers gave over 1,400 hours. While every volunteer is special, a few deserve special recognition. Hampden-Sydney College student and Habitat intern Jason Cooke, along with Brad Baker, Sean Dowse, and Gary Lutz, were all instrumental. Central High School students from the Kindness Matters Club continued to serve on our build sites year after year. Other volunteers included student groups and athletic teams from Longwood University and H-SC. Many organizations were represented, including Helton House, Rotary Club of Farmville, Farmville United Methodist Church, and North Street Press Club. Various faith groups kept them well fueled with meals.

In addition, these homes would not have been possible apart from grants from Virginia Housing and Centra, along with the generosity of many individual donors. The help of the Commonwealth Regional Council was



Groundbreaking followed by lots of volunteer effort led to the big celebration below.



also crucial in this project.

As Inette, Diana, Amy, and Zachariah recently gathered with the community to celebrate, the phrase “Home for the Holidays”

came to life. In this journey, they had many titles that united them to one another — Habitat partner family, volunteer, builder. And now, one more — neighbors. Welcome home!

Meet Latrice

LISTENING TO LATRICE describe what owning her own home will mean, one pictures a solid foundation, a place with roots, allowing for her family to continue to grow and thrive with even more possibilities.

As a manager at a local retail store, Latrice is well known in the community. In fact, it was one of her regular customers who shared the Habitat announcement of homeownership opportunities with her. Upon learning she had been selected, Latrice jumped up and down and screamed, saying she probably hurt the ear of the Habitat staff who called to share the good news. Since then, she has continued



a reality, Latrice sees this as one step in her other dreams. Her next aspiration is to go back to school and work on a business degree, with the goal of one day opening her own business. She already has quite a few exciting ideas in mind.

As her home is reaching completion, she recently visited the build site with her younger children and took them

to advance toward her dream, all while staying on the go with work, family, and taking her children to all the practices for the sports they love playing.

As owning a place to call her own, her family's forever home, is becoming

on a tour inside. She quickly notes that they have already each staked a claim to their own bedrooms. Having moved a few times in recent years, the kids told mom they wanted to live in this home for a long time. To which she exclaimed, "Oh, this is ours!"

Crewe Homes

EARLIER THIS YEAR, Latrice, Kayla, and Gloria gathered with family, friends, and the community to celebrate the groundbreaking ceremony for three new homes in Nottoway County, in the

Town of Crewe. Situated at the end of a quiet road, these neighbors will enjoy a beautiful place to call home.

Construction is quickly moving to the final stages, and each family

eagerly anticipates the day they will gather together again, this time to cut ribbons at the home dedication ceremony.





Kylene and her service dog, Archie

Meet Kylene

AS A STANDOUT HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL player, Kylene tells the story of her foot breaking as she threw a pitch. Then she smiles and notes, “But, I struck the girl out!” This is true to the hopeful, full of life energy Kylene carries every day.

Diagnosed at age 14 with Type 1 diabetes, her broken foot was a sign of things to come. Over time, Kylene has experienced the amputation of her right leg, has received multiple organ transplants, and is legally blind. Even so, her spirit still exudes joy. She goes to the gym four days a week and will not let her disability limit her from her goals.

Having never lived on her own, Kylene dreams of having a place to call her own. In addition, this home has been designed to overcome the accessibility challenges she faces in her

current home. Following selection as a Habitat partner family, she remains in shock. She visits the build site about once a week with her son Hunter, who she calls her other leg, reflecting the special bond they have and how much he helps her. There, she looks at their future home, imagining the wind chimes hanging on the porch and the smells of the kitchen. Affectionately known as the muffin lady, Kylene cooks and delivers fresh baked goods all around the village of Lovingston. With her love of cooking, she looks forward to making food for all the volunteers and builders that come out to lend her a hand.

Reflecting on this journey toward a dream, Kylene projects positivity. “Don’t give up. Keep pressing forward. Why not try?!”

Student Builders

MANY WONDERFUL HANDS HAVE already been a part of helping Kylene realize her dream. Her home has been built in partnership with the Nelson County High School Building Trades program, an amazing opportunity for these young builders to develop skills that will serve them for a lifetime. Under the direction of teacher Paul Connell, students constructed the exterior of the home, along with interior framing and running wiring. This is part of an ongoing community connection with the school, where many prior Habitat homes have been built in a similar way.

Following construction at the school, the modular unit was moved to the build site in Arrington. There the home is now half complete on this beautiful rural lot. Currently, teams are being lined up to finish construction, which will include opportunities for volunteers to help bring these four walls to life.



Meet Kayla

WHEN YOU TALK WITH KAYLA, it is easy to be inspired by this young woman who desires to constantly grow and expand her horizons. “I like to be around people who can give me wisdom.” Discussing her goals for the future, she enjoys learning and aspires to a place of helping set the vision and engaging in problem solving to help others. For the last four years, she has applied these learning skills as she works in the mental health field, helping to provide support services to others in their daily routines.

The driving force behind this desire to grow is evident as Kayla talks about the love of her life, her beautiful daughter. Becoming a mom gave Kayla a new set of priorities and a fresh mindset. Her daughter is the reason she applied with Habitat. Following some of the challenges of apartment living, Kayla moved back home and began searching for homes to rent. It was then she came across the Habitat flyer and decided to apply, desiring for her and her daughter to have a place to call their very own. Her joy was evident

Kayla’s heart’s desire is to serve as a role model, encouraging her daughter to dream big ...

as she cried when receiving the news she had been selected. Now, as she has volunteered on the construction sites, she has enjoyed adding building skills to her desire for knowledge.

But, it all circles back to her daughter. When asked what she is most looking forward to in the new home, the answer is easy. “Seeing my daughter’s face, her room, her toys.” Kayla’s heart’s desire is to serve as a role model, encouraging her daughter to dream big, as she sees what her mommy has accomplished.



Coming Soon

BEYOND THE RECENTLY COMPLETED builds in Farmville and the current builds in Nottoway and Nelson, another major development is on the horizon for this coming year. Five homes will be built in Charlotte County, in the Town of Keysville. These first five will launch an ambitious multi-year development project with the goal of building out a full neighborhood. The partner families who will eventually own those homes are actively working toward their opportunity, as they volunteer on builds sites and serve in the community. As an old Habitat saying goes — the excitement is building!



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Across the Miles

THE SIX COUNTIES SERVED by Piedmont Habitat cover a geographic area larger than the state of Delaware. This is only possible thanks to many dedicated volunteers who give of their time and talents. The organization relies on the vision of those who serve on the Board of Directors — Sheri Almond, John Miller, Cheryl Gee, Paula Totten, Pamela Harvey, Barbara Johnson, Rhodes Martin, Douglas Randolph, and Chaquita Venable. Volunteers on the Donor Relations Committee organize signature events and help reach fundraising goals. Those with Faith Relations keep the faith community connected with the mission. And, the boots on the ground work is bolstered by the County Committees made of local residents.

The county groups stayed busy again this year sharing the work of Habitat with their neighbors. In Buckingham, they took part in a Juneteenth celebration and hosted the annual Gospel Explosion. They stayed connected with Buckingham High School, where students built a storage shed for a Habitat homeowner. In Charlotte, committee members set up a table to answer questions at the Red Hill Independence Day Celebration. Cumberland volunteers shared information at a local Juneteenth gathering and at the Cumberland Patriot's Day. Up in Nelson, the committee set up at the Health Fair, Car Show, Rockfish Valley Community Center Pancake Breakfast, and a variety of church and civic engagements. The Nottoway Committee hosted the groundbreaking ceremony for the Crewe new home builds. They also took part in a Cow Pie Bingo and co-hosted a bingo



From top, l to r:
 Nelson Health Fair
 Cumberland Juneteenth
 Bingo fun
 Red Hill event
 Crewe ground-breaking
 BHS-built shed

fundraiser. In Prince Edward, the group stayed busy at the National Night Out, Heart of Virginia Festival, and with multiple bingo fundraisers.

The affordable repair program also serves homeowners across the region. Over the last year, four families partnered to receive needed repairs, including three seniors. Repairs included porch and roof repair, window replacement, gutters, insulation, and underpinning.

In addition to dedicated volunteers, this mission depends on the generosity of many individuals, churches, businesses, and organizations,



including: Bama Works Fund, College Church, Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge, Counties of Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Nelson, and Prince

Edward, Farmville Moose Lodge, Habitat for Humanity Intl, J & E Berkley Foundation, Kyanite Mining Corporation, Melvin C Draft Family Foundation, Nelson County Community Fund, Rockfish Presbyterian Church, Virginia Housing Alliance, Walmart, Walter J Payne Foundation, Warehouse Church, Watson & Duggan, Wells Fargo Foundation, and Windridge Landscaping.

Fall Fun

PERFECT FALL WEATHER set the stage for another great night of music, food, and friends. Over 200 people came together at the Farmville Community Market to celebrate at the Pig Roast, Piedmont Habitat's signature, annual fundraiser event. Guests enjoyed the sounds of returning act The Holiday Band. Local favorites, The Fishin' Pig and Three Roads Brewing Company, once again served their outstanding food and beverages.

Great gratitude goes out to so many who united to further the mission of Habitat, including the 30 wonderful sponsors who generously gave in

support of their community. Money raised will continue to help individuals and families experience the strength and stability that is made possible through quality, affordable shelter.

A big thank you also goes to the many student volunteers from both

Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College who helped make it possible, including members of Alpha Delta Pi, Tigers Serve, and the Longwood Women's Basketball Team.

Please mark your calendars now for 9/28/2024 for another night of fun.



LU Women's Basketball Team

Shop with a Mission

THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ReStore in Farmville is a home improvement center where gently used items are donated and then sold to the public. A wide variety of items can be found, including furniture, home goods, appliances, building supplies, books, and so much more. The donation and shopping experience is made pleasurable by a dedicated staff and many wonderful volunteers.

This year we wished longtime store manager Sara Beachum all the best as she left to pursue a new opportunity.

If you have not yet had a chance to meet the new ReStore manager, please stop by and say hello to Shanne



Shanne Anderson, ReStore Manager

Anderson. Shanne joined the team earlier this year, bringing over six years of management experience, a Bachelor's degree in Business Management, and many exciting ideas.

Whether you shop, donate, or volunteer at the ReStore, thank you for empowering the larger mission of Piedmont Habitat, as the funds generated help to

serve the community through affordable homeownership and affordable repairs.

You can stay up to date with new inventory and great deals on Facebook at Piedmont Habitat for Humanity ReStore and on Instagram at piedmont_habitat_restore.

Pig Roast

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Two Decades of Service

JAYNE JOHNSON HAS A VERY distinct honor that only she can claim.

When the then Farmville Area Habitat for Humanity decided to move from an all-volunteer organization to hiring the first part-time employee, Jayne became the first Executive Director in February of 2004. Now, after serving our neighbors in need of safe, decent, affordable housing for nearly two decades, Jayne has announced that she will be stepping down at the end of this year to pursue a new opportunity.

She notes, "Being a part of the Piedmont Habitat for Humanity family has certainly been a high point in my professional life. I'm grateful for the privilege this opportunity has provided me. Seeing so many individuals and families committed to realizing their dream of owning a home has brought me so much joy and continues to inspire me! I will certainly miss everyone I have worked alongside over the years and the bonds that have been made along the way."

During her time here, the affiliate has grown in leaps and bounds, moving from a housing provider focused on the Town of Farmville to a regional housing organization serving six counties. Since the formation of Piedmont Habitat for Humanity in 1990, 75 homes have been built or repaired, with 65 of these occurring under Jayne's strategic leadership. Jayne would be the first to quickly say that



this has only been possible thanks to so many wonderful donors, volunteers, and supporters who have generously and graciously shared their resources over the years. Her forward thinking and innovative methods in seeking to serve more have helped to foster this thriving environment.

Earlier this year, Jayne's accomplishments were recognized as she was inducted into the Habitat for Humanity Virginia Hall of Fame.

We will greatly miss Jayne's compassionate leadership and sincere care for her community. We are sad to see her go but wish her all the best in her new adventure with the Greater Fredericksburg Habitat for Humanity.

Beginning January 1, Sam Rabon will serve as the Interim Executive Director. Sam has been with Piedmont Habitat for nine years.

On behalf of the many lives that have been forever positively impacted, we say thank you Jayne for her commitment to loving her neighbors!

Did you know ...

... that all Habitat Partner Families have: 1) A demonstrated need for an improved housing solution, 2) The ability to pay an affordable mortgage or affordable repair loan, and 3) Are willing to partner with Habitat in a variety of ways, including future homeowners investing hundreds of hours in volunteering?



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