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The Early Bird Gets the...Bacon!



Two hundred attendees are expected to rise early for Habitat's **Hard Hat Breakfast** on Wednesday, August 23, at First Bible Church in Decatur. Breakfast (by Cracker Barrel) will be served beginning at 6:00 a.m., and the program will start at 7:00. This year's

theme is "The House That Built Me", a phrase taken from a song made popular by country star, Miranda Lambert. Attendees will hear affiliate updates from Executive Director Mindy Thwing and Family Services Coordinator Lydia Beck. They will learn how their support can build self-reliance through shelter for people living in poor conditions in our community. We are also privileged to have First Bible Senior Pastor Steve Bateman as our keynote speaker. New homeowners Harold and Kathleen Moore will be on hand to share how the Habitat experience has impacted their lives. If you're interested in joining us for this event, please contact Landis Griffin at 256-340-9609, ext. 223, or email landis@morganhabitat.org.

The Wait is Over!

We've seen a lot of changes since March 13th when Habitat began framing the Johnson house at 413 Denver Place. At that time the weather was disagreeable (*and by that I mean REALLY cold, with a mix of snow and ice*). But Harvard students are hardy souls, as are the members of our Construction Crew. The sun soon warmed our work which allowed us to complete the house before Memorial Day. Now Shannon can enjoy soaking up the sun on her new front porch!



The ~~surprise~~ this spring was the funding for our 2nd house, for the Moore family. We were blessed with "mission minded" sponsors and an outpouring of volunteers. The result was a handicap accessible house where Harold Moore can receive regular dialysis treatments. The craftsman style home was dedicated on July 16th in the presence of many donors, well-wishers and a very grateful partner family. Welcome home Harold and Kathleen!

Turning our eyes to the future...

Two more families (*below, on left*) anxiously await their chance for homeownership. We plan to frame a house for the Bumpus family in early September. We also hope to begin building for the Chambers family by the end of September. Grants from Wells Fargo, 3M, BBVA Compass, PNC Bank and Lowe's have partially funded these houses but more is needed before construction can begin. Won't you help these families realize their dream of homeownership? We have the tools and the expertise, but **YOU** hold the key!



Chambers Family



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Help these families achieve strength, stability and independence!



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Meet the Bumpus Family



Tim and Hope Bumpus, along with their 3 daughters, hope to be in a new Habitat house before Thanksgiving. It's been a long journey, but they've learned lots along the way. For years, they wanted a home of their own, but their credit prevented them from purchasing one. In the Habitat program, they've learned how to budget, organize, and save—all vital skills for successful homeowners. While working on the construction site, they learned to use new tools and had the opportunity to meet new people. They enjoyed working toward a goal and then seeing it take shape. Tim and Hope look forward to watching their girls make friends in their new neighborhood while enjoying the safety and security that their Habitat home will bring. Tim says they enjoy cooking, singing, and entertaining, which sounds like a recipe for an awesome block party, if you ask me—I'm sure the neighbors would approve!

The Bumpus house is not yet fully funded, so please consider how you can help make this family's dream come true. Tim says, "Without your gift of giving, none of this would be possible. We thank you for allowing God to touch your heart so that you can be a blessing to others."

Why We Volunteer

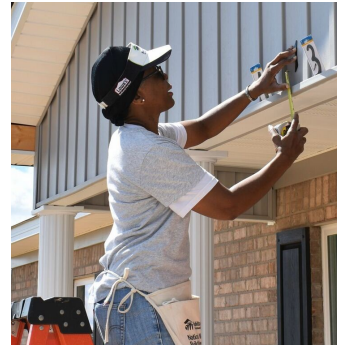
We recently asked some seasoned members of our Construction Crew why they chose to volunteer with Habitat. Here's what they told us...



Jim Howell, who's worked regularly with Habitat for the last 5 or 6 years, responded, "To help others, and to do what Christ said." He loved working with the Collegiate Challenge team from Harvard this past spring. He also noted, "These homeowners remember the work that you put in. One of them stopped me in a grocery store and thanked me for the work I did on her house. It had been four years since I'd seen her, and she remembered my name and what we did for her."

Annette Beauchamp said, "I help to build someone's dream!...one of the most rewarding acts and feelings!" She's been volunteering with us for 8 years. She loved working on the house for Harold and Kathleen Moore this past spring. The Moores' story and their struggle has really been a motivator for her. Volunteering this year has been a little different for her than in the past. She's come out of her cocoon, and working on the jobsite has helped heal something inside of her. She feels almost selfish volunteering because of the rewards she reaps. She loves working with her

hands and seeing the results of that hard work.



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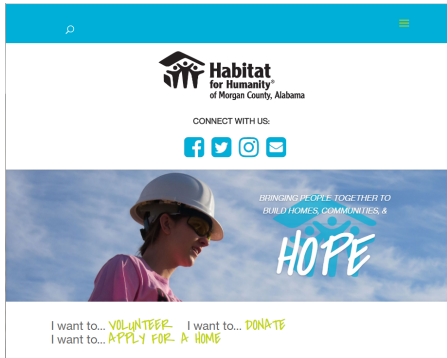
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Have you seen our new website?!



Thanks to a generous in-kind donation from the McComm Group, Habitat for Humanity of Morgan County now has a fresh, exciting new presence on the web! With updated colors and graphics, plus an easy-to-navigate menu, we think you'll enjoy perusing the pages as you learn more about what we do and how YOU can get involved. Be sure to hop on over to www.morganhabitat.org to see what all the fuss is about. A BIG thanks to Lynn Temple, Chris Pettit, Emme Long, and the gang at McComm who worked so hard to make this dream a reality!



In April, Habitat Board President Jenny Denton received the 2017 Volunteer Excellence Award from the Volunteer Center of Morgan County. The award included a \$250 donation to Habitat. Jenny is pictured above with Executive Director Mindy Thwing.



Left: Shannon Johnson receives a Bible from Todd Evans of Parkview Baptist Church at her house dedication. At right, Gay Maloney presents the keys to Shannon and her son.



Tawana Williamson, of Woodforest National Bank, recently presented a check to Habitat. She is pictured here with Judy Davis of Woodforest, and Habitat Volunteer Coordinator Jenny Guthrie.



Habitat recently hosted a booth at the first ever Volunteer Decatur event organized by Community Action Partnership of North Alabama. Pictured here are Habitat President Jenny Denton & Resource Development Director Landis Griffin.



Left: Darryl Goldman of St. Andrew Presbyterian presents a Bible to Harold & Kathleen Moore and their son, Michael at their house dedication. Right: The happy homeowners outside their new front door!



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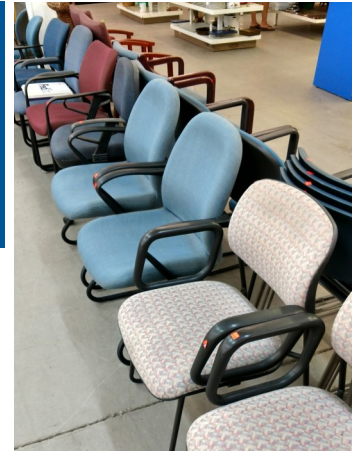
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