## Hard Hat a Success!



We laughed, we cried and we met our goal on August 22, 2018 - the morning of our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Hard Hat Breakfast at First Bible Church. Approximately 150 Habitat volun-

teers, staff and supporters gathered to hear David Hernandez speak about the lasting impact that Habitat for Humanity of Morgan County has made in his life. David, having been diagnosed with cancer at the time, was only seven years old when Habitat created an opportunity for his family to move from substandard housing to "a decent place to live." Years later, David stood before a crowd of onlookers to explain how the impact Habitat made all those years ago contributed to the successful medical student he has become today.

Needless to say, the Hard Hat Breakfast was a huge success, and we would like to thank our dedicated sponsors (Jack Daniels Cooperage, Valley Rubber, and M & D Mechanical) for helping us create housing opportunities throughout our community!

## **Fall Updates**

"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons." – Jim Bishop

Fall, in the Habitat world, is always exciting, as we begin a new build cycle. This year, that was especially true as our affiliate participated in a much anticipated blitz build. Fite Building Company, along with a host of



other contractors and Habitat volunteers, worked tirelessly to construct Briana Hampton's home in ONE week! The first 24 hours was the most dramatic as we saw an empty slab turn into an actual house in just a day's time!

With the hustle and bustle of the blitz behind us, we are back to our regular construction schedule. We hope to have a house completed for Deborah Orr by early December. She can't wait to sit on her own front porch with her morning coffee, while her granddaughter plays with the neighborhood kids.

If you're interested in volunteering or providing a financial sponsorship for a house, please visit our website (www.morganhabitat.org)

or call our office: 256-340-9609.



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## **TEAM HABITAT WELCOMES NEW PLAYERS!**



In recent weeks, Habitat has been working hard to locate just the right players to round out our team. We're happy to announce that we've done just that!

Kelvin Jones, our new Resource Development Director, is a native Huntsvillian. He graduated from the University of Alabama (Roll Tide!) with a degree in Communications and Public Relations. He's spent the last several years working in the nonprofit world and has discovered his niche (and his passion) in development. "I'm excited about the opportunity to grow with Habitat, but I'm even more excited about creating opportunities for others to grow – that's life-changing!." He's looking forward to working with our team to promote our mission and provide even more Morgan County residents with a decent and affordable place to call home. When not working, Kelvin enjoys reading, writing, boating, fishing, and spending time with friends and family.

New Financial Administrator DeAnna Shaddix hails from the state of Texas and attended the University of Texas. (Hook 'em Horns!). For the last 25 years, she has held positions in Accounting and Human Resource management. She has worked in senior retirement communities and found her passion in helping others, which is why she's thrilled to join the Habitat team. "I love the idea that for many, this organization is a stepping stone to a better life." She and her husband, Jim, along with 4 cats, make their home in Hartselle. When asked about her hobbies, DeAnna said, I love to spend time with family, but...if you ask Jim, he'll tell you my hobby is shopping!" We're happy to have DeAnna on board and suspect that she will be a regular customer at the ReStore. (Don't tell Jim!)



\* Many of you have asked about Landis Griffin, our previous Resource Development Director. Landis recently transitioned into the role of Volunteer & Construction Coordinator. So you will still be seeing her, particularly if you're spending time on our construction sites!

### A BIG "Thank You" to last quarter's contributors...we couldn't do it without YOU!!

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The new Habitat for Humanity distinctive license plate is now available for purchase at your local tag office. The cost is \$50 per

year, with 85% of that cost being used to further Habitat's mission. There is also a one-time fee of \$5 when the newly designed tag is first issued. Plates can also be personalized at no additional cost. These can be used on any vehicle, including motorcycles and trailers. If your business has a fleet of vehicles, consider the Habitat plate for all of them! Sporting our logo is an awesome way of supporting Habitat each and every time you hit the road.

**Year-end Opportunities!** 

It's that time of the year! As the year comes to an end, and we remember all of the huge successes and achievements that we are grateful to celebrate, let us not forget those





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