



# Habitat for Humanity®

## of Morgan County

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### Hard Work Pays Off: Landis Griffin Tapped to Lead Habitat of Morgan County as New Executive Director

Landis began her career with Habitat some 13 years ago as the ReStore manager - never having any intention of becoming the Executive Director. In fact, her career goal was to be a district manager of a nationwide (retail) chain. She had no idea she would fall in love with Habitat and its mission to increase access to decent, stable and affordable housing for low-income families. When you love what you do, you never have to work a day in your life; this must have been true for Landis who, by her thirteenth year at Habitat, had worked almost every position in the organization including the Resource Development Director and Volunteer/Construction Coordinator positions.

Just recently, Landis was hired as the Executive Director of Habitat. After dedicating 13 years of her life to helping families in need under the direction and leadership of previous directors, Landis is ready to take the torch and run with it - there is no doubt that she will have an even greater impact on the community as the newly appointed director of Morgan County Habitat for Humanity. Because her work turned into her passion, Landis is definitely prepared!



#### Attention! Attention! Habitat Housing Applications Available

Habitat for Humanity applications for housing are now available. Now through February 11, Habitat housing applications are available for download at our website ([www.morganhabitat.org/homeownership](http://www.morganhabitat.org/homeownership)), or can be picked up at our office or ReStore (1123 Central Parkway SW, Decatur), weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays (store only) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

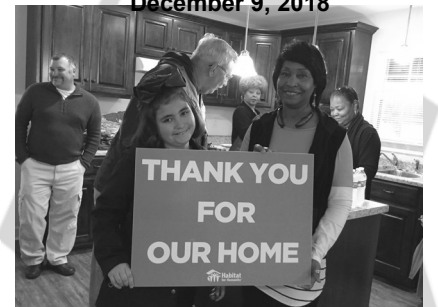
#### A Home for Christmas 2018: The Orr Family 2018 Fall Home Dedication

Although the concept of getting a home for Christmas might sound like the cliché storyline of a holiday movie, I'm sure it felt more like a reality TV show for Deborah Orr this past December when Habitat presented a home to Deborah and her granddaughter. Deborah is a single woman who has custody of her granddaughter. They lived in a very small apartment where her granddaughter had to sleep on a mat on the living room floor. Even more alarming, the apartment presented safety issues that could have caused problems in the event of an emergency!

Needless to say, Christmas 2018 was a very special for Deborah and her family. On December 9<sup>th</sup> the Orr family graciously accepted the keys to their new home - just in time for Christmas. Deborah's granddaughter no longer sleeps on a mat on the living room floor. She has her own room. Imagine that.



**ORR Home Dedication  
December 9, 2018**



## HABI FACTS

Families are selected based on three criteria: need for decent, affordable housing; ability to repay a zero-interest mortgage; willingness to put in 200—300 hours of sweat equity."

## BREAKING NEWS: The Big Deal is Getting Bigger!

The Decatur Jaycees is excited to present The Big Deal 2019 – an annual event held to support Habitat for Humanity and its mission to increase access to decent, stable and affordable housing for low-income families. The Big Deal offers Morgan County residents an opportunity to gather to support a worthy cause while they enjoy casino-style gaming tables (using play money of course), free food, drinks, prize giveaways and more!

This year promises to be an exciting year for The Big Deal patrons who look forward to playing black jack, roulette, poker, craps and skill stopper slots! In efforts to enhance the overall experience of event goers, The Big Deal has moved its venue to **The DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Decatur Riverfront!** If you decide to go this year, you can expect to be entertained with live music, enjoy fajita stations donated and prepared by the DoubleTree, have your picture taken with friends, or simply play a few games for a chance to win big!

The event will take place on **March 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (gaming tables will shut down at 9:30 pm)** in the “dome” area of The DoubleTree. You may purchase event tickets online at [decaturjaycees.com](http://decaturjaycees.com), from a Jaycees member, at the Habitat ReStore, or at the DoubleTree front desk.

The proceeds from The Big Deal will be used to sponsor (in part) the building of Habitat's two (88<sup>th</sup> and 89<sup>th</sup>) homes on which construction is scheduled to commence in March. Habitat endeavors to build four homes a year – two in the spring and two in the fall. Each home is dedicated to a deserving partner family in the Morgan County area. If you are interested in sponsoring this year's event or a Habitat home, please contact Kelvin Jones via email at [kelvin@morganhabitat.org](mailto:kelvin@morganhabitat.org), or by phone at (256) 340-9609 ext 227.



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 256-308-1160  
 M—F, 8—4, Saturday, 9—2



A special thank you to all of the donors who have supported our ReStore throughout 2018. The new year brings new opportunities to help support our mission here in Morgan County. We are open for your donation Monday- Friday from 8am-6pm and on Saturdays from 9am-4pm. To schedule a donation , visit [www.morganhabitat.org/restore/#pickup](http://www.morganhabitat.org/restore/#pickup) or call us at (256) 308-1160.

**Donate**-Are you not sure what to do with those items in your garage or storage building? Are you paying to store your stuff somewhere? Consider donating what you don't want to store anymore. Get space back in your garage, or give yourself a pay raise by emptying your self-storage locker, and stop paying for it! Call today for pick-up (256) 308-1160.

**Shop** – New partner businesses are donating new products to us all the time. Right now we have several brand new furniture pieces which are donated by local furniture stores, as well as building materials. Just in: we have brand new gas water heaters in 40 gallon and 50 gallon capacities, priced at a fraction of what they are worth. Shop early and often for best selection! Work a Pinterest-type project! We have a good selection of television armoires now that can be converted into wardrobes or linen closets.

**Volunteer**- Have you kept your New Year's resolution to give back to your community? We need your help at our ReStore! We like to take it easy, have fun, and work as a team to make sure our volunteers get a sense of accomplishment at the end of the day. Start volunteering with a 2-4 hour shift, call 256-380-1160 and ask for Tina or Michelle to get set up.

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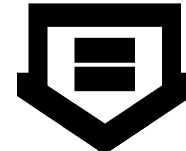
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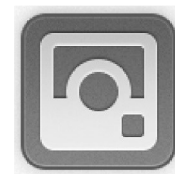
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