

## WORLD HABITAT DAY

For the second year in a row, Habitat for Humanity of Morgan County celebrated World Habitat Day by teaming up with local youth from Austin and Priceville High Schools. On Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 60 students descended on Wilson Morgan Park armed with cardboard boxes, markers and duct tape. The day was spent creating cardboard houses, receiving scenarios about family situations and learning how living in poverty affects daily decisions and circumstances that are out of one's control. There were mock social service agencies available to assist the "fledgling families." Also on hand were Mayor Stanford and Senator Arthur Orr to present proclamations of World Habitat Day in Decatur.



In addition to designing their makeshift homes, students were given an opportunity to practice real building skills by constructing dog houses. They'll have a chance to improve on those skills in the spring when they join Habitat for the Collegiate Challenge build.

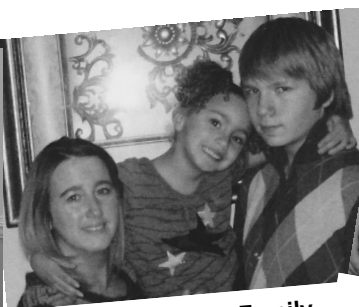
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The Yarbrough Family



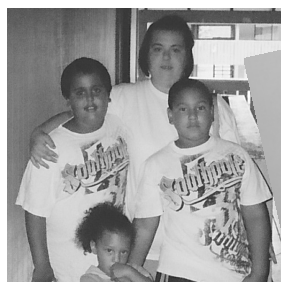
The Burt Family



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The Beason Family



The Jones Family



The Bolden Family



The James Family



The Parker Family



The Williams Family

**Make the "American dream" come true for these families.  
With your donation, we can build houses AND hope.**

## Home for the Holidays!



For the first time in 8 years, Habitat is building a house in Somerville! House sponsors include: Women Build, Shiloh Baptist Church, BBVA Compass and Family Security

Credit Union. Land was donated by Corr Wireless/ Cellular South. Habitat broke ground at 885 Black Road

the first of September. Since then we have been blessed with fair weather and have nearly completed the 3-bedroom home for Megan James and her children,



Maddox and Taylor. Dedication is planned for Sunday, November 20 at 2 p.m. Please plan to join us! This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 6 houses Habitat has planned for Black Road.



## UPCOMING RENOVATION PROJECT!

Coming soon to Larkwood Drive SW

## We Have Been Blessed

By Mindy Thwing



Frank Stewart (2nd from left) at a 1998 groundbreaking ceremony for Habitat homeowner Adrienne Wolfe.

Eight years ago I arrived at my first Habitat jobsite, nervous about my ability to fit in and feeling totally out of my element. Lucky for me, Frank Stewart was in charge of the project. From the moment I walked in the door, I was greeted with a jovial, "Well, look who finally showed up!" Quickly followed by, "I got a ladder over here with your name on it" and a witty remark about "which end of the hammer to use."

Frank Stewart knew exactly how to make someone feel welcome and one look at his sly grin told you he was happy to have you as a volunteer. As a close friend of Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat, Frank understood the essence of Habitat was its volunteers. He made every volunteer feel welcome, whether you were a talented craftsman with years of knowledge or a new Executive Director full of enthusiasm but sadly lacking in experience.

Homeowners from our Habitat subdivision in Hartselle have spent years telling me stories of Mr. Frank helping them with their family matters, homeowner dilemmas and financial woes. No matter what the problem, Frank was there to help them find an answer. Many of our homeowners don't trust easily, but everybody trusted Frank. He was just that kind of guy.

Frank, you will be sorely missed! No more Frank stories that started with, "I remember once we were...." No more "don't pay for that, I think I can get it for free." From your sunny smile and your infectious chuckle, to your "can do" attitude; you leave an empty spot in our Habitat Hearts. But I have no doubt that Millard Fuller is smiling today because his ol' college buddy just joined him in Heaven!

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# Photo Gallery



Volunteers continue to work hard to rebuild in Hulaco, where Larry & Beverly Pirkle lost their home to the April tornadoes.



Lots of work has gone into our latest project at 885 Black Road in Somerville! Habitat will be dedicating this house for Megan James (3rd photo from left) on Sunday, November 20. See details on page 2.



Mayor Don Stanford (upper left) and Senator Arthur Orr (lower left) joined Austin and Priceville students at Wilson Morgan Park in Celebration of World Habitat Day. (For more on this event, see page 1.)



Executive Director Mindy Thwing receives disaster relief funds from Alabama Senator Arthur Orr (left) and Representative Jeremy Oden.



Representative Terri Collins presents Mindy Thwing with a check for discretionary funds from the state of Alabama.



Jason Pickering, Plant Manager at Eaton Corporation, presents Mindy Thwing with a check for Habitat's spring build.



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# The ReStore Corner



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Time is running out to make your donation to the Habitat ReStore in 2011.

We are in need of gently used working appliances, furniture, light fixtures, hardware, lumber, plumbing supplies, and tools.

Call us today (256-308-1160) to arrange a pickup!

The holidays are just around the corner, and the Habitat ReStore has a variety of items for all you "do-it-yourselfers" that enjoy creating homemade Christmas gifts. For only \$5 each, you can purchase cabinet doors that make great coat and stocking hangers, as well as picture frames. You can also create one-of-a-kind wall decorations and jewelry organizers from our \$1 window sashes. Be sure to visit our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/DecaturReStore>) for all kinds of great repurposing and upcycling ideas. Meanwhile, stop by and browse; you never know what kind of "goodies" you might discover!



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