# HOME OWNERSHIP IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



Amy Kilgore and Nancy Thomas are excited. By summer's end, both ladies will realize a lifelong dream of becoming a homeowner. Amy's family will receive the keys to their house at their home dedication on May 19<sup>th</sup>...a belated Mother's Day present. Nancy's family will receive the keys to their home in June.

This program is not for the "Faint of Heart"! Amy has been waiting for over 2 years and Nancy has been working towards her house for 18 months. Both women contributed over 400 hours of sweat equity, building homes for others

before Habitat built for them.

Amy's house was funded by BBVA Compass, the Decatur Jaycees, Majestic Homes, Publix Charities and the Rotary Club of Decatur Daybreak. But her home was built with the help of 4 Collegiate Challenge teams from

the University of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, Harvard University and the University of Chicago and supervised by Habitat's "Over-the-Hill" Gang.

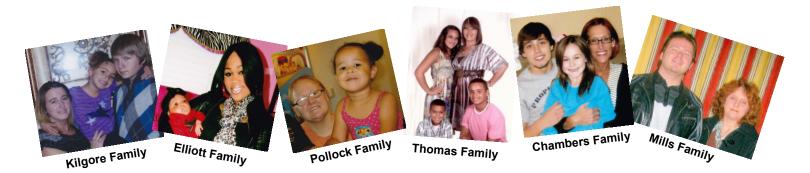
Nancy's house was funded and built by area Methodist churches including: Central UMC, Wesley Memorial, Chapel Hill, Hartselle First Methodist, Johnson's Chapel, Ninth Street Methodist and Neel UMC. Also funding the project were Wells Fargo Bank and Regions Bank.

As you can see, it takes an entire community to "raise a house". We thank all those who made these two dreams a reality. Amy and Nancy agree that they are blessed to live in Morgan County (ranked in the top 10% of the country for charitable giving by the <u>Chronicle of Philanthropy</u> in 2012).



For more photos, see page 3.

#### YOUR DONATION CAN MAKE THE "AMERICAN DREAM" COME TRUE FOR THESE FAMILIES.



## CHANGE A LIFE!

Use the coupon on page 2 to make a donation TODAY.



### The Big Deal

On Friday, April 26, Habitat held its first ever Big Deal Casino Style Gaming Night at the Magnolia Room in downtown Decatur. Dozens of participants enjoyed casino-style games like blackjack, poker, roulette, and slot machines. This was a casual event, and a cash bar and appetizers were provided. Several large ticket

items (including a Kindle Fire and a Samsung flat screen TV) were given away at the end of the evening.

This event was sponsored by the Decatur Jaycees, Baggette Construction, Toray, Gobble-Fite and Joe Wheeler.

Our gaming tables sponsors were Renasant Bank, Garver, Jimmy Smith Jewelers, Alabama Farmers Co-op, Valley Overhead Door, Wells Fargo, Fite Building Company, Decatur-Morgan County Chamber of Commerce, Progress Bank, Stu and Carol Strong, Trevor Butcher State Farm, Mark Schwan, David and Debbie Barnett, Majestic Homes and MarMac Real Estate. Dr. Loren Hunter, Point Mallard and Cottage House donated prizes. Food was provided by Fulin's, JW Steakhouse, Publix, Garden Plaza Hotel & Suites, Pepsi and Valley Budweiser.



Make plans now to join us for The Big Deal in 2014...it should be bigger and better than ever!

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Monday-Friday, 8:00-4:00, Saturday, 9:00-2:00



# Spring Clean Up!

It's spring cleaning time! Hopefully your garage doesn't look like this one, but almost everyone has things in their garage that they don't use anymore. And what about all those closets...and that storage building? Don't go to all the trouble of planning a yard sale—call us! Maybe you're renovating or rebuilding? Call us; we can help move unneeded items out of your way.

The ReStore is in need of your unwanted furniture, building materials and working appliances. Our new location has attracted a lot of new customers, and now we need more merchandise to fill up the space! The ReStore truck is available for pickups Tuesday through Saturday, or you can drop off at the ReStore any time during normal business hours. Pickups can be scheduled by calling 256-308-1160 or by visiting <a href="https://www.morganhabitat.org/restore">www.morganhabitat.org/restore</a>.

So start cleaning, give us a call, and you can feel good about helping Habitat to further our mission: partnering with low-income families and the community to eliminate substandard housing in Morgan County. (All donations are tax deductible.) Now, put this down, and go conquer that garage!



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