



Habitat for Humanity® of Morgan County

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The RACE is on!

**You hold
the key** to

affordable
housing in
Morgan
County!

Once again,
Habitat for

Humanity is asking all of our supporters to step into the winner's circle and wave the checkered flag of victory. The starting flag has dropped for the "Race to 500", and we need 500 donors to help us cross the finish line by the end of this year. Every dollar amount is needed to reach our goal of \$125,000. By making a donation to Habitat, you will be helping four families achieve their dream of homeownership. You can use the coupon on page 3 to make a donation of any amount between \$1 and \$500. (Put "Race to 500" in the memo line.) You can also donate by visiting our website (www.morganhabitat.org) and clicking the "Donate \$\$ Now" in the upper right corner. **Make a difference TODAY!**



BLACK IS BACK

Beginning Again on Black Road...

September will be *smokin'* in Somerville as Habitat begins building on Black Road. Sponsors for the houses include: Valley Rubber of Falkville, Wells Fargo Bank, Shiloh Baptist Church, and Lowe's. Valley Rubber partnered with Habitat last year to sponsor our first "A Brush With Kindness" rehab project in Falkville...now they are anxious to build. Wells Fargo built a home with us last year and are back to re-create the enjoyment and sense of accomplishment they experienced. Shiloh Baptist has already built two houses on Black Road, as well as 2 additional houses with other Baptist churches in Decatur. These seasoned veterans are familiar with every aspect of the building process.

When told she would receive a house, Jennifer Chambers cried. "I am so ready for some good news to come my way! This is the answer to my prayers. My daughter Sara goes to school with our soon-to-be neighbors." Her family has been anxiously waiting for a home of their own. Jennifer has helped build two other Habitat houses for families who have become her friends. Looks like her hard work has paid off!

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



Moore Family



Elliott Family



Pollock Family



Crayton Family



Chambers Family



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Family Spotlight: The Pollock Family



Adrian Pollock (right) with Habitat homeowner Lauren Williams

Friends...they can "make" you or "break" you. In Adrian Pollock's life, they've done both.

Raised mostly by her aunt "Sissy", Adrian had a relatively normal childhood despite her mother's drug problem. When she reached her teen years, however, she fell in with a bad crowd. It wasn't long before she ended up in the wrong place at the wrong time, which resulted in criminal charges. Fortunately, for her, this proved to be a valuable lesson. "After that, I was scared to do anything, or be in trouble," Adrian said. "I learned how important it is to pick your friends wisely."

After she became a mother, the lesson loomed even larger in her mind. "When you have a child, it changes you. And if it doesn't, there's something wrong with you." She continued, "I need to build healthy relationships and be careful how others treat me. My child is watching what I do, and I want to be a positive role model."

Habitat has given her that opportunity. In reaching her goal of 400 sweat equity hours, Adrian has had the chance to build numerous relationships and model a strong work ethic to her daughter. She has visited with hospice patients, worked at the Habitat ReStore, but concedes that "construction's definitely the best!" She has thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work outdoors and learn new skills. She relishes the resulting sense of accomplishment and quips, "Everybody is so dang nice!" She's amazed that so many people turn out to volunteer on Habitat construction sites—not because they have something to gain, but just because they want to help someone.

So Adrian's friendships have taken a dramatic turn, from being life-taking in her teen years to becoming life-giving in recent days. She will never forget the generosity of those who've worked alongside her to assist her in her goal of homeownership. Who knows...maybe she'll invite us all over for a barbecue this fall after she's settled into her new Habitat home. Watermelon, anyone?



Habitat hopes to relocate its offices to our ReStore building in the upcoming year. Meanwhile, we're wishing for a few things. Can you help us furnish the new board room and classrooms?

- 60 folding chairs at an estimated cost of \$20 each.
- 10 seminar style folding tables (18" X 72") at an estimated cost of \$60 each.

If you'd like to help us purchase a table or a few chairs, please use the coupon on page 3 and put "Wish List" in the memo line of your check. You can also donate by visiting our website (www.morganhabitat.org) and clicking the "Donate \$\$ Now" in the upper right corner. Choose "Wish List" as your Donation Purpose. Donors will be recognized with a plaque in the new board room.

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

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Photo Gallery



Volunteers spruce up a house on Tower Street SE in a Brush with Kindness project in July.



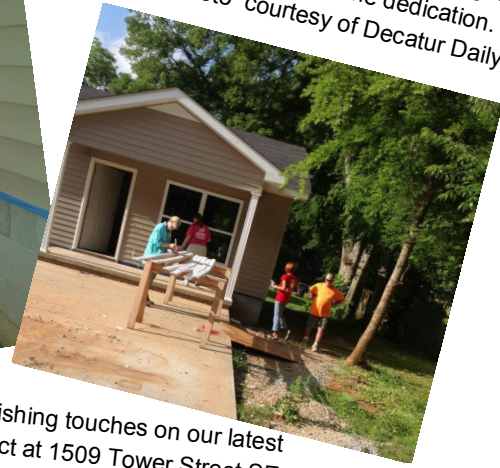
The Kilgore family joyfully receives their house keys from Judge Charles Langham at their May home dedication. (Photo courtesy of Decatur Daily)



Harold Thompson of Hartselle First United Methodist Church shares a scripture with Nancy Thomas at her house dedication on June 23.



Volunteers put finishing touches on our latest construction project at 1509 Tower Street SE in Decatur.



Sam Janis (standing) facilitated a strategic planning session for Habitat board and staff at the ReStore on July 20. Habitat homeowner Renée Baker (far left) shared her Habitat experience as part of the session.

**THE
HEAT
IS ON!**



Nancy Thomas (front left) joins volunteers who worked on her house at the 2013 Women Build Event in May.

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The ReStore Corner

Habitat ReStore, 1123 Central Pkwy. SW, Decatur

256-308-1160

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



It's that time again—time to send the kids back to school! College-bound students will need all sorts of things, and we can help! We've got chairs, desks, dressers, curtain rods, even beds. Who knows—you might even want to turn your student's bedroom into a craft room or office once they've gone. (Don't worry...we won't tell!) We can help with that project as well. So, come on in and check us out.



Once you've cleaned out that room, give us a call at 256-308-1160 to schedule a time to pick up items you'd like to donate. You can also schedule a pickup by visiting morganhabitat.org/restore/donateForm.php, or you can drop items off at the store during business hours. All your donations help Habitat build homes for families in need in Morgan County—THANK YOU!

Please note: Due to an overstock, the ReStore is no longer able to accept televisions.



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