



# Habitat for Humanity<sup>®</sup> of Morgan County

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## Toray America and Decatur Jaycees present the Big Deal!



Mark your calendars for Friday, March 13. The fun will begin at 7 p.m. in the Magnolia room on Moulton Street. Participants will enjoy casino-style games (no real money involved) like blackjack, poker, roulette, and slot machines. This is a casual event, with a cash bar and appetizers provided. Tickets are on sale for \$30.00 in advance or \$40.00 at the door. You can purchase your tickets online at [decaturjaycees.com](http://decaturjaycees.com), or pick them up from the Habitat ReStore. If you would like to be a sponsor of this event, please contact Landis Griffin at 256-340-9609 or email her at [Landis@morganhabitat.org](mailto:Landis@morganhabitat.org). Profits from this event will help us further our mission in Morgan County.

# 'TORAY'

**JAYCEES**  
*The Decatur Junior Chamber*

## Spring is in the air, & students are on their way!



The winter doldrums have set in, and Habitat is wistfully wishing for spring. 2015 marks the 9<sup>th</sup> year for teams of college students to spend their spring break helping us build. This year, Harvard and Wittenberg

University will be returning for their "little piece of heaven". They will be joined by the Community College of Philadelphia who is anxious to test our boast, *"It's always warm and sunny in Alabama!"* Time will tell, and the clock is ticking...the first college team will arrive March 1 to begin building a home in Somerville for the Vinson family. By March 15, we will start a home for the Garner family in our subdivision in Decatur. Please stop by both locations and help us show the students some *Southern Hospitality*. They're going to talk about us when they go home; let's make sure it's positive...that's what keeps them coming back!

## THESE FAMILIES DREAM OF HOMEOWNERSHIP...WILL YOU HELP?



Vinson Family



Montano Family



Johnson Family



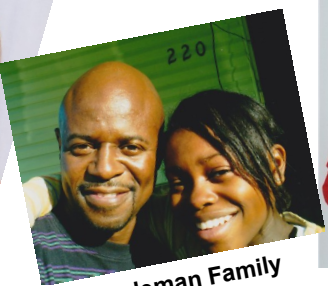
Guilliam Family



Atemon Family



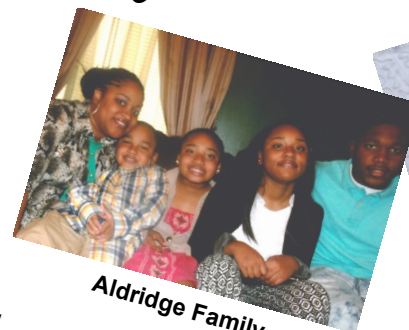
Fortner Family



Coleman Family



Hambright Family



Aldridge Family



Garner Family

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# Family Spotlight: The Atemon Family



Never underestimate the power of a mother's example. Nephateria Atemon grew up in a large family with a hard-working, single mother determined to provide a better life for her children. As a child, Neph tagged along while her mom attended classes at a local college. She persevered in those classes, got a degree, and went on to gain employment with a well-known national corporation. She clearly demonstrated what a little motivation and a lot of hard work can accomplish.

Fast-forward to the future. Now Neph had 2 children of her own and didn't like the gang activity and drug-related crime that seemed rampant in the area where she lived. Her mom had moved to Alabama a few years prior and sent back glowing reports about her new hometown. Neph decided it was time to pack up and relocate in order to provide a better environment for her son and daughter. She found an apartment and a job and settled in. A few years later, she met and married Tim. By 2013, they'd added a little boy to the family and had another on the way. They were rapidly outgrowing the small apartment that Neph had rented when she moved to Decatur. Tim worked hard to provide for their family, but each time he got a raise, their rent would also increase.

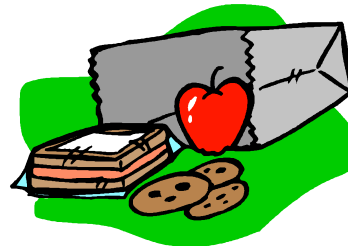
When they received a notice in the spring of 2014 telling them that the rent was going up yet again, they knew they needed to make a change. They wanted to own a home, but didn't see how it was possible. Neph's mother asked, "Have you thought about Habitat?" Neph and Tim attended an application information class and agreed that they were interested in the program. When they learned that their application had been accepted, they couldn't believe it! They jumped into the process with great enthusiasm and at last, hope for the future.

Neph and her family have enjoyed helping to build houses and plant trees in Habitat's Denver Place subdivision. Neph commented, "Years from now, it will be so cool to say, 'I planted that tree; I helped build that house.'" They look forward to the day when the house they help build is their own. On their application, Neph wrote, "We are both determined to do whatever it takes to be homeowners." She is following her mother's example, and soon she'll have the house keys to prove it.

Would you like to receive email updates about Habitat activities? If so, call the office and let us know: 256-340-9609.



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### A simple way to serve...

Maybe you're not comfortable swinging a hammer, but can you make a sandwich? If so, consider making lunches for our construction crew one day during the spring build. Call our office for details: 256-340-9609.

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Santa and his helpers had a great time at Breakfast with Santa on December 6 at Decatur Mall. Kids also got to mingle not only with Santa and Rudolph, but also with Spiderman, a minion, and Elsa and Anna from "Frozen". All proceeds benefited Habitat for Humanity.

In November, Executive Director Mindy Thwing (3rd from left) was thrilled to receive a check from the Decatur Jaycees as a result of their fall Riverfest fundraiser. Presenting the check are: Kelly Thomas, Christy Richardson, and Aaron Bell.



Robin Higgs of 3M hugs Barbara Crayton after presenting her with the keys to her new home. Barbara's house was dedicated on November 2.



Ivy Veinot presents a handmade quilt to a homeowner's son on his house dedication day, as Habitat President Lynn Temple looks on. Ivy and a group of ladies known as the Wesley Piecemakers create quilts for all new Habitat homeowners.



The Point Mallard Ducks hockey team recently gave their time to solicit Habitat "wish list" donations from Lowe's customers. Customers earned free admission into a Ducks game if they brought "wish list" items with them. Here, Ducks players discuss their strategy with Habitat director Mindy Thwing.



Valerie Powell, Becky Wallace, and Sandy Schofield of the Tennessee Valley Reading Council presented books and other goodies to new Habitat homeowners Jay and his mom, Johnetta in December as part of their "New Homes, New Books" program.

John Edington of Wells Fargo speaks words of encouragement to Johnetta Moore before presenting her house keys at her recent dedication.

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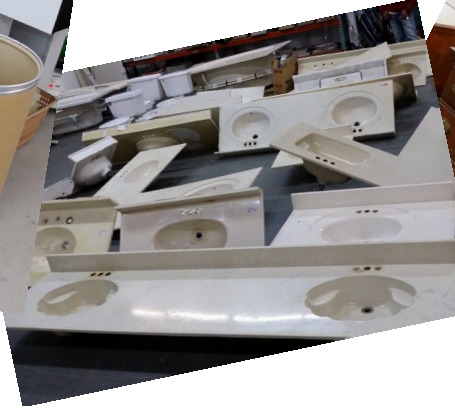
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256-308-1160

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



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