

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MORGAN COUNTY

TOGETHER, THROUGH SHELTER, WE EMPOWER



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Habitat Applications Available for a Limited Time Only!

From March 1 – March 15 ONLY, housing applications will be available for download at the Habitat for Humanity website (www.morganhabitat.org/homeownership) or can be picked up at the Habitat ReStore (1123 Central Parkway SW, Decatur), Tuesday – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Applicants must return their completed applications (along with required documents) at an information class on Thursday, March 18 (10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.). Tickets are required. (Details can be found in the application packet.) The class explains all the basic requirements of the Habitat homeownership program and allows attendees to ask any questions they might have. Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced.

People in our community partner with Habitat for Humanity of Morgan County to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage with no interest. With our help, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability, and self-reliance they need to build a better life for themselves and their families.

To qualify for a Habitat home, an applicant must live in Morgan County, have a housing need, be able to make monthly house payments and be willing to put in volunteer hours, and attend homeowner education classes.

For more information, visit our website (www.morganhabitat.org) or give us a call: 256-340-9609.

Upcoming Events:

**MARCH 18 | APPLICANT
INFORMATION CLASS**

**MARCH 28 | HOME
DEDICATION FOR THE
ALEXANDER FAMILY**

**APRIL 9TH | SPRING BUILD
STARTS AT PHOENIX PLACE
SUBDIVISION, HARTSELLE**

**MAY 1 - 8 | WESTERN
KENTUCKY STUDENTS ON
BUILD SITE**

Board Member Spotlight : Pat Collins



Pat has traveled through life in worldwide miles starting at age 23. She lived in North Africa for 10 months and in various other countries. While learning about other cultures and meeting people of all ethnicities, she was able to see that laughter and kindness are a universal way to build relationships. Pat also made six additional mission trips to Costa Rica's rainforest. While there, she lived in indigenous Indian villages for weeks at a time, with no electricity or hot showers, learning about the culture of the people that inhabit places of no modern conveniences.

This travel made her realize all people are one human family. "It made me realize family is unity, love, and caring for others. Habitat's mission of service to the community and families is a way to lift up the quality of life equally for all. I feel so honored to serve on the board and volunteer in the ReStore plus work with the best team ever".

Homeowner in Progress Spotlight : Makala Coker



Makala's parents divorced when she was 13. Stability was an elusive commodity in the years that followed. At 18, she moved out on her own. Later, as a single mom, she longed for the stability in her son's life that she never had. A coworker told her about Habitat, and she applied. When her application was approved, she couldn't believe the great opportunity she'd been given! As a partner with Habitat, Makala was required to do 200 hours of "sweat equity". This meant she would be working on construction sites and in our ReStore, as well as attending homeowner education classes. She loved helping out with construction and acquiring new skills. She also learned how to manage her finances and build credit effectively. When asked what she'd gleaned from the Habitat experience, she said, "I've made some great friends and gained some good working knowledge on the construction sites. I've also learned a lot about patience!"

The Habitat program can take anywhere from 12 - 24 months, so sometimes waiting for that house is the hardest part. She's overjoyed at the prospect of having her own yard, so she and her son can play outdoors with their dog (that has had to stay with a friend the last couple of years). She's so thankful for the donors and volunteers who are vital to making the Habitat program succeed. She said, "I can't wait to start my own home, and it's truly amazing knowing that I'm going to accomplish this goal of homeownership!"

Construction for Makala's house will begin in April. If you'd like to help financially or as a volunteer, please call our office (256-340-9609) or email info@morganhabitat.org.

Affiliate Updates

There's no place like home. Shahara Black and Michelle Mitchell both closed on their homes!

Building continues in the Denver Place Subdivision for the Alexander family. We were so excited to welcome Mazda Toyota Manufacturing, Epic Church, and the many volunteers to our construction site this last quarter. We are looking forward to completing this build and will be hosting a dedication on March 28.

United 16 Blue Travel Volleyball Team volunteered in the ReStore sorting and shelving donations.

Construction Crew Member of the Quarter

TERRY W. CARVER

Terry retired from the Air Force as the rank of Captain after 26 years of service. In 2007 he and his wife Lynne moved back to Decatur. He worked for Systems Integration Modeling and Simulation, Inc. and then with Science Applications International Corporation on NASA's worldwide computer network. He retired in 2017, and now spends his time turning wood, and volunteering with Habitat of Morgan County's Construction Crew. He and his wife Lynne also volunteer at the Space and Rocket Center and at the Von Braun Center as ushers for Huntsville Symphony and Broadway Theater League.

Terry has spent countless hours over the last three-plus years volunteering with Habitat of Morgan County, building houses for our future homeowners. Even through the pandemic and the extreme temperatures, he's been on-site building homes and teaching hundreds of volunteers, and future homeowners.

We are so appreciative and thankful for the countless hours he's spent away from his family helping us with our mission at Habitat, to build safe, affordable housing for so many deserving families in Morgan County. We absolutely would not exist without the help of all of our volunteers.

If you're interested in learning about construction, being a part of our construction crew, or would like any information on volunteering for Habitat of Morgan County please feel free to contact Jenny Denton 256-476-5302.

Make your tax refund go even further!

Your money goes further at the Habitat ReStore because we don't charge Sales Tax. Our items are low priced and looking for a new home! We have both new and pre-owned donated items. Stop by the ReStore and purchase an item, or two, and put your own special "spin" on it!

Habitat ReStore

Donate - It's time for some Spring Cleaning! What a great opportunity to clean out your closets, garage, and attic! Be sure to think of the ReStore when you do. We accept new and gently used household items and building materials. To schedule a pick-up: call us at 256-308-1160.

Shop - Looking for a bargain? Come to the Habitat ReStore for furniture, building materials, and great ideas for DIY projects.

Volunteer- A great opportunity to give back is to volunteer in our ReStore. It is a rewarding way to help others. Volunteer TODAY.

Donation Links

Supply Wish List

Is your organization looking to collect supplies to donate in a drive? We have a wish list of items that are always helpful

Amazon | Kroger

If you shop Amazon or Kroger, it's easy to designate HFHMC as your community group. Each time you shop, these organizations donate to us!

Donate Building Materials

The supply of building and home improvement materials sold in the ReStore comes through donations by private citizens, contractors, and local home supply businesses.

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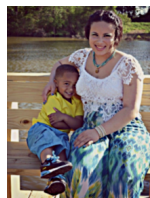
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Homeowners in Progress



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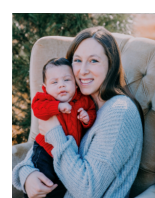
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