

# The Blueprint Newsletter



Summer  
2020

Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity

3644 Rainbow Drive

Rainbow City, AL 35906

256-543-1898

## A Time for Everything

We continue to observe the COVID-19 guidelines from Habitat for Humanity International as we move through this crisis together.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1** says, "To everything there is season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." Our purpose and mission is to build houses for qualified families in need, then sell the house with a 20-year 0% interest mortgage, no profit added, and little labor costs because of your volunteer help.

**Construction** resumed on Springfield Ave. in late May and our volunteers have returned to the worksite. We have much to do. Would you like to help and become a volunteer?

**House #55** was nearly complete when the winter rains came followed by the coronavirus pandemic shutdown and stay at home orders. The landscaping is complete thanks to the Master Gardeners. The appraisal will be done by Larry Kitchens.

**House #56** is next door and volunteers are installing of windows and doors, etc. We could use more volunteers with some carpentry skills, but there's something for everyone.

**There are** three other families waiting for the start of their houses. So, volunteers are needed for every workday. We typically work Wed. and Sat. mornings. Will you help? Just call the office for your volunteer form: 256-543-1898. Or email: [info@gadsdenhabitat.com](mailto:info@gadsdenhabitat.com). We email workday notices.

**Let's** make this a summer to remember and all come together to help families in need of simple, decent, affordable housing in Etowah County. **Let this be your season of giving.**

**Volunteers sharing their time and talents...**



New Board Members—2020

### Habitat Board of Directors

(L-R) Bo Arthur, Charlie Parker, Andy Coffey and Carrie Machen joined the board in January 2020 to begin a 2-year term. They join April Breland, Pres., John Ashley, VP, Mike Grieco, Treas., Eugenia, Sec. and board members: Mark Casey, John Czervionke, Steve Scharfenberg and Debbie Wood. Thank you for giving of your time and talents to the Habitat for Humanity ministry in Etowah County.



**The Habitat Dragon Boat Festival has been rescheduled for Sat., August 21, 2021.**

**We'll see you at the river! Thank you for your support, volunteer time, and prayers.**





# Welcome New Families

**VOLUNTEER  
TODAY!**



#57—Juanika Orr Family



#58—Elizabeth & Josh Rector Family



#59—Lori Graham



## Congratulations, Quenzuna White - House #55

**Quenzuna White** will be moving into her new home on Springfield Ave. in East Gadsden soon. She has completed home-buyer classes, budget counseling, made a down payment, and volunteered 300+ hrs. of sweat-equity in order to fulfill her partnership agreement with Habitat. She and her two sons, David and Da'lon, have been very patient waiting through the unfortunate delays.



The financial sponsors of House #55 are William & Elizabeth Simpson trust, Regions Bank, Wells Fargo Foundation, Walmart Foundation, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Caring Foundation, and funds from 2019 Habitat Dragon Boat Festival. Other generous supporters are:

Gadsden State Community College carpentry class, Simmons Signs, Blue Square Roofing, GAF, ABC Supply, Kenny Baker, Sam Tipton, Master Gardeners, and Larry Kitchens. Thank you!



## No Free House!

In order to purchase a home, qualified families must commit to volunteer 300 hours of "sweat equity", attend 12 homebuyer classes, and monthly budget counseling to learn about finances and home maintenance. They must make a \$600 down payment plus pay their first year's insurance premium while the home is being built.

To reach our goal of eliminating poverty and substandard housing by building affordable, decent homes, families must be willing to PARTNER with Habitat.

### Once the home is completed:

- ⇒ **House is SOLD to family**
- ⇒ **No profit added**
- ⇒ **20-year mortgage**
- ⇒ **Zero (0%) percent interest loan**



The mortgage payments go into the revolving "Fund for Humanity" to purchase building materials for more affordable homes for qualified families.

Your partnership, as a volunteer or donor, helps to continue this process of providing affordable homes for families in our community. **Thank you for your help!**



L-R: Steve Scharfenberg, Mike Struntz, Traci Pondick, Carolyn Smith, Titavis Jackson, Stan Wagar, and Eddie Freshour

**GROUNDBREAKING HOUSE #56** — On Tuesday, December 3, 2019, the groundbreaking ceremony was held for house #56 at 1415 Springfield Avenue for **Titavis Jackson**. The property was donated by Family Savings Credit Union, and the house is being sponsored by the William & Elizabeth Simpson Trust, BB&T, and Publix Charities. Despite weather delays the house is coming along nicely.



**DEED TRANSFER...** Ashley Lemons (right) happily looks on as 2019 Pres. Steve Scharfenberg signs the deed to her new house. Secretary, Stacey Garmon, waits to sign and witness the deed transfer. Thanks to attorney Wayne Copeland and Copeland Law firm for providing their professional services pro-bono for the closing on House #53 and many others over the years. Thank you!





Habitat for Humanity welcomes Amy McDaniel as Executive Assistant. She joined the ministry in Jan. 2020.



## IMPACT AWARD

**Congratulations to Steve and Suzanne Scharfenberg on receiving the Chamber of Commerce 2019 Impact Award for their work with Habitat for Humanity. They have served as volunteers with the ministry for over 25 years.**

### *Thanks to our Donors and Supporters! Donations given Oct. 2, 2019 — June 2, 2020*

#### Individuals

Robert Ager \*  
Steve & Linda Baswell  
Jessica & Zach Burns  
Bruce R. Beier  
Miki A. Cook  
Sunita & Jack Graves  
Bonnie Hilley  
Carrie Machen  
Mr. & Mrs. Joe McKinley  
Frances Patterson \*  
Jane Petty \*  
Caleb Rogers  
Edward & Evelyn Schreier, Jr  
Valerie & Donald Scott  
Pamella Slaton  
Cathy & Mike Struntz

#### Memorials

Bob Misko  
by Molly Misko  
Jean & Frank Peek  
by Monroe Porter & Hollie Francis  
Helen Mazloom & Louise Green  
by Joe & Kay Mazloom  
Diane Grima, Jeanne Maseari,  
John Hodge  
by Ida Rader

#### Businesses

Exchange Bank of Alabama  
Network for Good \*  
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#### Grants

Publix Super Market Charities  
Honda Manufacturing of AL  
Wells Fargo Foundation

#### Honorariums

The Homeless  
by Randy Jacobs  
Norris Grandchildren  
by Samuel & Leone Norris  
James Keeling  
by Peggy & Johnny Wetzel  
Mellisa & Lucian Newman, III  
by Peggy & Johnny Wetzel  
Steve Scharfenberg  
by Jim & Judy Gatgens  
Lawrence Dooley  
by Theresa & Craig Gilley

#### In-Kind Gifts

Wayne Copeland  
Mary Moore  
JNJ Mailing Service  
Valerie Scott  
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Blue Square Roofing \*  
ABC Supply  
Kenny Baker \*  
Sam Tipton \*  
GAF  
GSCC—Carpentry Class  
Theresa & Craig Gilley  
Larry Kitchens, SRA

*\* Given more than once this period*

### *Volunteers at Work*



Future homeowner Quenzuna White (#55)



Grey Tigers volunteers sharing time and talents every Wednesday. Come join the fun! (L-R) Mike Grieco, Eddie Freshour, Mike Struntz, and Steve Scharfenberg



L-R: Eddie Freshour, volunteer, Juanika Orr (#57 center) and Titavis Jackson (#56) right.



Future homeowner Titavis Jackson (#56)



Future homeowner Lori Graham (#59)



Future homeowner Elizabeth Rector (#58) right, and volunteer Jacque Clay (left)



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BUILDING HOUSES AND CHANGING LIVES

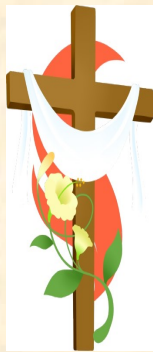
Summer 2020

Non-Profit  
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Permit #124  
Gadsden, AL

*Volunteer....Donate....Help a Family....Change a life.....Build a dream....Make a difference....Habitat for Humanity*

## Gifts from the Heart

- \_\_\_ \$20 = 6 wall studs
- \_\_\_ \$30 = one gallon paint
- \_\_\_ \$60 = 2 sheets of plywood subfloor
- \_\_\_ \$100 = one insulated window
- \_\_\_ \$200 = house wrap
- \_\_\_ \$400 = tub/shower unit
- \_\_\_ \$700 = landscaping materials
- \_\_\_ \$1,000 = driveway



Enclosed is my gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send acknowledgement to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Send your contribution to:**

G-E HFH  
3644 Rainbow Dr.  
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**When you renew** your license plate this year, please consider a Habitat License Plate. It's \$50 per year with \$31.50 going directly to our local affiliate (if purchased in Etowah County).

**There** is a one-time \$5 fee when first issued. You can also personalize your license plate. Plates may be purchased at county title and registration offices. **THANK YOU for your support!**

## Mission Statement

**Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity** is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing in our community and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

**Our** mission is to work in partnership with God and people everywhere to provide decent shelter in which people can live and grow into all that God intended.