

Applications Open!

Are you ready to change your current situation through the hard work and dedication of becoming a Habitat for Humanity Partner Family? Do you know of someone who is?

Applications are open through **April 15, 2021**. Criteria to qualify for partnership are:

- * **Need**– Currently living in substandard housing
- * **Income**– Steady source of income \$19,500 - \$48,750 annually
- * **Willing to partner**– 300 hrs. sweat-equity, attend classes & budget counseling, make down payment
- * **Residency**– Must be resident of Etowah County for one year minimum

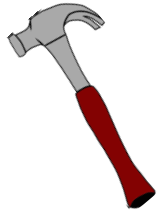
For more information contact Habitat at: (256)543-1898 OR email info@gadsdenhabitat.com

Applications are available to print on our website:
www.gadsdenhabitat.com

Deadline to submit or postmark : April 15, 2021

Mail application to:
Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity
3644 Rainbow Drive
Rainbow City, AL 35906

*Volunteers sharing
their time and
talents...*



House #57 Coming Soon! We are very excited to announce that we are beginning House #57 on Springfield Avenue. Due to Covid precautions, we are not able to host public volunteer workdays. Keep a watch on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/gadsdenhabitat) for progress pictures and any announcements for volunteer opportunities.



DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are disappointed to announce that we will not be having the Habitat Dragon Boat Festival in 2021. In consideration of all of the effects of the Covid virus on our community and the uncertainty of the safety of such an event, the board of directors has voted to forego the event.

As many of you know, the Festival is our only large fundraiser. We would welcome any tax deductible gift that you would like to send to offset the loss of funds due to this cancellation.





In Loving Memory of John Ashley ~

John served on the board of directors from 2017 until his passing Oct. 6, 2020. He served as Site Selection Chrm, Vice -Pres and member of the Family Selection Committee. His generosity of service and kindness to Habitat, his church, and the community will be greatly missed. John is survived by his wife, Kathy, and son, John Dawson Ashley.



In Loving Memory of W.C. Murphy~

W. C. Murphy, a long time Gadsden-Etowah Habitat volunteer, passed away on Feb. 4, 2021. He was a dedicated volunteer who always had a warm smile and helping hand on many construction projects. He helped complete several Habitat houses over the years. Rest in peace.



2020 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Congratulations, Titavis Jackson - House #56

Titavis Jackson moved into his new home on Springfield Ave. in East Gadsden in November 2020. He completed homebuyer classes, budget counseling, made a down payment, and volunteered 300+-hrs. of sweat-equity in order to fulfill his partnership agreement with Habitat. He was very patient waiting through the unfortunate delays caused by Covid.



The financial sponsors of House #56 are William & Elizabeth Simpson trust, BB & T Bank (Truist), and Publix Charities. Other generous supporters are: Gadsden State Community College Construction Technology and Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Programs, Simmons Signs, Blue Square Roofing, Keven's Plumbing, GAF, ABC Supply, McDaniel Concrete, Sam Tipton, Tim Copeland, Master Gardeners, and Chris Bradford. Thank you!



We are pleased to honor Mike Struntz as our 2020 Volunteer of the Year. He became a "Grey Tiger" for Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity in February of 2019 and has been a key construction volunteer for our last three houses. During 2019, he worked on all Wednesday and Saturday building days and many in-between days.

Mike is special because he is always there, always cheerful, and always willing to do something extra to advance our project. Mike inspires others by maintaining a cheerful, positive attitude. His Christian faith shows through in everything he undertakes. He has high respect for our partnership families.

Mike was also a board member from 1995-1996. He and his wife, Cathy, were helpful in the early years of our formation, especially with organizing yard sales and other fundraisers. His recent retirement has provided time for him to be a really great "Grey Tiger".



Thanks to our Donors and Supporters! Donations given June 2, 2020 to March 9, 2021

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* Given more than once this period

One Family's Success Story

Renay Stokes's home was the 12th home built by Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity. She is an inspiration to us and to all who know her! In her own words, this is what partnership means to her:

"Habitat for Humanity was a great life changer for my daughter and me. It was an uplifting experience to have the American dream of home ownership put before you. Habitat for Humanity gives you hope, love, and strength to build great character and confidence in yourself. Habitat helped us get out of a bad situation which set us on a good path to success. I am very proud to say that my daughter, Seneka, finished high school and then went on to college at UAB. She is now employed with the Social Security Administration and recently received her Masters degree. I am so proud of her. She is the reason that I applied for housing. I knew that she deserved a better opportunity than what we were in, and I had to do something to make things better for us. I am proud and grateful for our beautiful home."



Jacquie Clay



Caleb Campbell

Welcome New Board Members 2021

Habitat is pleased to welcome four new board members who will serve a two-year term that began Jan. 1, 2021. They are: Jacquie Clay, Caleb Campbell, Adrienne Reed, and Suzanne Scharfenberg. They bring a desire to serve their community and to share their faith with the Habitat ministry through service on the board of directors.

Officers for 2021: President, April Breland

Vice President, Debbie Wood

Treasurer, Mike Grieco

Secretary, Suzanne Scharfenberg

Board Members: Bo Arthur, Cable Campbell, Jacquie Clay, Andy Coffey, Carrie Machen, Charlie Parker, Adrienne Reed, and Steve Scharfenberg.



Adrienne Reed



Suzanne Scharfenberg



The Blueprint Newsletter

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Spring 2021

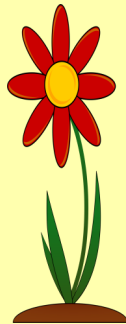
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- ___ \$35 = 6 wall studs
- ___ \$75 = 2 sheets of plywood subfloor
- ___ \$100 = one insulated window
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When you renew your license plate this year, please consider a Habitat License Plate. It's \$50 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.