

The Blueprint Newsletter



Spring
2022

Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity

3722 Bland Street

Rainbow City, AL 35906

256-543-1898

9th Habitat Dragon Boat Festival Sat. August 20, 2022

Dragon Boat Races Aug. 20, 2022

Registration NOW OPEN.....

Don't miss the fun!

Registration at www.habitatdragonboat.com

- Phone: 256-543-1898
- Email: info@gadsdenhabitat.com
- Deadline Friday, Aug. 5, 2022
- \$2,100 per team (\$1,100 due with registration form)
- Choose tent site & practice time when *paid in full*

Your Team Receives:

- Equipment - use of 46' long dragon boat, paddles, life jackets, and steersman
- 60-minute practice with coach during week Aug. 17-19
- Tent space in Athletes Village (20' x 20')
- Team Name and Sponsor recognition

Race Day:

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place awards in both Competitive and Recreational Divisions - Gold, Silver, and Bronze paddles
- Award for Best Drummer Costume
- Award for Best Team Spirit
- Award for Best Decorated Tent
- Award for Best Team T-Shirts

Paddles UP!



Dragon Boat Major Sponsors

Exchange Bank of Alabama
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Riverview Regional Med Ctr
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Etowah Cherokee Assoc.
of REALTORS

Festival Partners

Hampton Inn/Gadsden
Hampton Inn/Attalla

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Life Insurance Co. of Alabama
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Visit our website for complete list of supporters:
www.habitatdragonboat.com



We Moved!

3722 Bland Street



Welcome New 2022 Board Members

(L-R) Bryan Bostick,
Katie Bohannon
and Tina Cylar



2022 Board of Directors

Andy Coffey—President
April Breland—Vice Pres.
Jacque Clay—Secretary
Mike Grieco —Treas.
Katie Bohannon
Bryan Bostick
Caleb Campbell
Tina Cylar
Carrie Machen
Charlie Parker
Adrienne Reed
Steve Scharfenberg



Welcome! Sarah Meehan

Executive Assistant, joined our staff in January. Sarah is a native of Gadsden. She and her husband recently moved back to Gadsden. She said, "I'm very excited to be a part of this great ministry and helping families achieve their dream."

You're Invited to Volunteer & Support

We invite **YOU** to volunteer and help continue the work of eliminating substandard and inadequate housing in Etowah County. Construction is in progress for the 58th house with two other local families in the "pipeline".

Why not use your volunteer hours in service or outreach for needy families living in your own community?

* **Pray for Habitat**—James 2:17 "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."

* **Invite us** to share the ministry with your church, business, or organization.

* **Volunteer!** Wednesday and Saturday mornings are workdays. There are other committees, too: Family Support, Family Selection, Fund Raising and more.

* **Donate!** Become regular financial supporter and finance the cost a specific construction item:.

1-Square Foot = \$60

House Wrap = \$300

Driveway & Sidewalk = \$1,500

Insulation = \$1,400

Exterior Doors & Windows = \$1,600

Foundation = \$2,700

Habitat offers families a hand-up, not a hand-out. Prospective homeowners must invest 300 hours of "sweat equity", make a \$600 down payment, attend classes on budgeting, finances, home care and other topics to improve their financial literacy.

Habitat homes are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable, zero-interest Habitat mortgages.

Habitat homes are affordable because they are simple and are built mostly by volunteers. The homeowner's mortgage payments go into a Fund

for Humanity to build more houses in our community. Thank you!



Families in the Pipeline



Family #58—Ebony Pace,
children, Patrick and Haley



Family #59—Porsche Heard and
children, DeAsia, D'anthany,
Dejahnnae, Dezirae, Camoni, and
Aemoni

Thank You!

Donors and Supporters!

Donations given between Mar. 10, 2021 – May 10, 2022

Individuals

Robert Ager *
Hugh Baskin *
Jacque Clay *
Dennis Davis
Theresa & Craig Gilley *
Bonnie & Anthony Hilley *
Joe McKinley
Molly Misko
Bernard Nielsen *
Frances Patterson *
Jane Petty *
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Pamela Slaton *
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Wayne Copeland, Attorney

Grants

American Rescue Plan, City Gadsden

Businesses

Alabama Teachers Credit Union
Exchange Bank of AL
Simmons Sign & Graphics
Winn-Dixie

Memorials

Chip Hart by Joe Mazloom
Eunice Davis by Frances Patterson
Frank & Jean Peek by Hollie Francis & Monroe Porter
James K. Allen, Jr. by Jerry & Betty J. Reaves
Janice Burdette Harth by Jerry & Betty J. Reaves
Johnny Dawson by Jim & Beth Prucnal
Pat Wiggonton by Belinda Fuller
Lori Graham by Suzanne & Steve Scharfenberg
Jim Gatgens by Suzanne & Steve Scharfenberg
Rod Turnipseed by Betty Jane Reaves
Gary Bowman by Betty Jane Reaves
Honorariums
Christy Roden by Pudden McArthur
Gutierrez & Shirley Hall by Polly Elrod
Ken & Janice Rains by Charles & Barbara Hart
Kim & Cynthia Whitt & Karen by Samuel Norris, Jr.
Peggy & Johnny Wetzal by Charles & Barbara Hart

** Gave more than once this period*

THANKS to our generous donors and supporters!

YOU make a difference for families in our community!

CONGRATULATIONS!



Linda Hammond, partnership family #57, purchased her beautiful new 2-bedroom home on Springfield Ave. on Feb. 1, 2022. After many delays attributed to Covid and supply chain issues, she has now settled into her home.



Thanks to attorney, **Wayne Copeland**, for handling the closing.

Sponsors of House #57 were: **Simpson Estate Trust, Honda Mfg. of AL, Wells Fargo, Walmart, The BC/BS**

Caring Foundation, Truist Bank, Exchange Bank, and Regions Bank.

Keys were presented by Board Secretary, **Jacque Clay**, and Executive Director, **Suzanne Scharfenberg**, gave Linda a bible for her new home.



(L-R) Suzanne Scharfenberg, Linda Hammond, Jacque Clay

Linda Hammond said, "I met a lot of good people throughout the year, and it's nice to know people like this that take their time out of their busy schedule to come help others." Habitat is so grateful for the wonderful volunteers and supporters who have made another dream come true for a family in Etowah County.

GREY TIGERS

Volunteers ~ (L-R)

Mike Grieco, Richard Dean, Michael Struntz, Art Fitterer.
Not shown, Steve Scharfenberg & Gary Pearce, Chuck Cassell



Volunteers at work!





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

Gifts from the Heart

- ___ \$8 = 1 wall stud
- ___ \$30 = 1 gallon paint
- ___ \$48 = 1 sheet of OSB/wall sheathing
- ___ \$75 = 1 sheet of plywood subfloor
- ___ \$56 = 25 lbs. nails
- ___ \$155 = 1 insulated window
- ___ \$450 = tub/shower unit
- ___ \$500 = landscaping materials
- ___ \$1,500 = driveway

Enclosed is my gift: \$ _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Please send acknowledgement to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Send your contribution to:

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Groundbreaking Ceremony House #58

April 21, 2022 for Ebony Pace and family.



Thanks to Artom Pack for digging footings; GSCC Carpentry Class & instructor, Heath McDaniel, for framing #58 on Rose St.

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 in to all that God intended.