

# 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](http://www.habitatdragonboat.com)

- Phone: 256-543-1898
- Email: [info@gadsdenhabitat.com](mailto: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  
Campbell Development &  
Transglobal Services  
Riverview Regional Med Ctr  
Oncentive

Etowah Cherokee Assoc.  
of REALTORS®  
City of Gadsden

### **Festival Partners**

Hampton Inn/Gadsden  
Hampton Inn/Attalla

### **Festival Friends**

Life Insurance Co. of Alabama  
Cadence Bank  
Jim Burke Nissan  
Peoples Bank of Alabama

Visit our website for complete list of supporters:  
[www.habitatdragonboat.com](http://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 58<sup>th</sup> 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,  
Dejahnæ, Deziræ, 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 \*  
Ed and Evelyn Schreier  
Pamela Slaton \*  
Gary Szanny \*

### In-Kind Gifts

Artom Pack  
Barnhart Crane  
Bolin Cabinets  
Blue Square Roofing  
Cameron's Tree Service, LLC  
City of Gadsden  
Dallas Plumbing  
David Livingston, Attorney \*  
Davis Bailey, Attorney  
Dowdy Land Surveying Services  
Etowah County Master Gardeners  
Exchange Bank of AL  
GAF  
Gadsden State Carpentry Class  
Gretchen Corker  
Honda Manufacturing of AL  
Josh Berkey Construction  
Kevin's Plumbing  
Larry Kitchen, Appraiser  
Simmons Sign & Graphics  
Stan Wagar  
Vulcan Materials  
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 Wigganton* 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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BUILDING HOUSES AND CHANGING LIVES

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Non-Profit  
Organization  
U.S. Postage  
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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

- \_\_\_ \$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.