



A Dream Come True

Our Newest Habitat Homeowner

"I did not think it would ever happen. Habitat, for me, was a dream, and it came true," said Florence. On October 24, we dedicated her home, and she is moving into her new house this week. It is our 309th build and sits on the corner of McCorkle St. and Liberty St. She has reared two sons and has been a caregiver in Lynchburg for over 40 years! Florence has given so much to our community. Yet, she was renting an old drafty home with a leaky roof because that is all her caregiver's salary could afford.

Just over a year ago, Florence was struck by a car that badly injured her leg—walking up and down stairs is painful and difficult. In her previous home, she took eight steps to get into her front door, and it was a two story building with her bedroom upstairs. Her new Habitat home has given her relief as it is a one-story home, with just a single stair to get onto her front porch.

Florence did not think affordable homeownership was possible until she got the call that her application to be a Habitat homeowner was accepted. She said, "I was so excited! I asked, 'I was really one of the people who got picked?!' Habitat is the best thing ever to happen! I am 60, and I'm able to own my home and work the hours to help build it!"

Throughout this process, Florence worked so hard, putting in hundreds of hours of sweat equity and taking responsibility and ownership of her home. Even though she is 60, she was willing to do any job during the build. Often she would come to the job site in the morning after working a night shift and still be energetic, joyful, and thankful.

We are proud to have partnered with Florence to build this home and bring stability and security to her family. Because of the support of friends like you, who have volunteered and given generously, Florence's dream of self-reliance through homeownership has come true!

To Our Volunteers

Thank You BWX Technologies and United Way of Central Virginia

Helping Adrienne's family move in by Christmas!



United Way
of Central Virginia

In September, BWX Technologies Inc. sent nearly 70 volunteers for United Way of Central Virginia's Week of Caring. They were superb! They installed the floor joists, the subflooring, the exterior walls, the interior walls, and the back deck at Adrienne's home, the Apostles

Build. All of this usually takes about a month, and they were able to get it done in just four days!

BWXT employees showed how much they want to serve others by giving up time in their busy schedules and volunteering. The company proved they believe in giving back to the community by organizing this group and encouraging them to volunteer while on the clock. Because of the BWXT volunteers and United Way's coordination, we are now confident that Adrienne's family will move in by Christmas. Thank you all who participated!

If you or your organization wishes to volunteer, please email volunteer@glhfh.org or call

(434) 528-3774.

New Team Members

Chris Irvine, Construction Manager



Chris brings 18 years of home building experience to our team! He has been in the Lynchburg area since 2007. He is very excited to work with our volunteers and families to build homes, communities, and hope!

Nathaniel Pryor, ReStore Manager



Our ReStore shoppers and donors will be happy to see this new smiling face when they come into our store. Nathaniel loves connecting with the community and is pleased to support our homeownership program

Current Home Builds

Florence's Home – 315 McCorkle St.

Special Thanks: Thank you to the anonymous donor who sponsored this build! We are so glad you enjoyed your experience as a volunteer and chose to further your support. Your gift has helped build a quality home and bring self-reliance to Florence's family!

Thanks also to Central Virginia Community College students and staff, who donated lumber and built the walls on their campus; and to Frito Lay for their group that volunteered and the donation of snacks for our build sites.

The Patricks are Still Grateful



**"From my family and me,
thank you!"**

In 2016, Tiffany lived in a two-bedroom apartment with her three daughters. Her family was like the thousands of other low-income families in Lynchburg in need of adequate shelter. She shared a bedroom with her four-year-old daughter, and the other two daughters shared the second room. All four of them crammed into a small bathroom to get ready in the morning. Tiffany had to carry the family's laundry to the laundromat, as the small apartment was not set up for a washer and dryer.

Their family was stuck with little hope of moving past this point. Tiffany was already making sacrifices to provide for her children and could not afford a better apartment or save to buy a house. Then she heard of Habitat for Humanity and its program to help families like hers build and own a safe, quality home that fits their income. She remembers, "I realized I was paying so much in rent, but I could be taking a chance on something I own and leave a legacy for my family."

This was the first Liberty University Build, and Tiffany credits the volunteers and donors for helping her build her home. She says, "To see how much work and effort they put into my family and me, even though they never even knew us, made me want to reach out for it even more and go forward knowing we can do this as a family. Knowing that all these people that I have never even met before took the time to invest in my family is a once in a lifetime privilege that I am very grateful for!"

"To this very day, it still feels like the first day we moved into this home. And I am thankful to call it our own. I know that it is a blessing from God," Tiffany says. "Everything changed for my family's future."

In their Habitat home, Tiffany and her three daughters now have room to grow and develop. The kids have a yard where they can play. Tiffany does not have to share a bedroom with her daughter and can do laundry under her own roof. She has more peace because they have a decent home with a mortgage that fits her income and is not a financial hardship. It is all because of the volunteers and donors; without them, GLHFH could not serve families like Tiffany's.

"I'd like to thank every volunteer and donor, known and unknown, who were willing to put in the effort; who were willing to take time out of their schedule when they don't even have to do it; who were committed and loyal and faithful in what they do; who never let me hear a complaint out of their mouth; who kept the joy going... From my family and me, thank you! It was a pleasure!" – Tiffany

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Adrienne's Home - The Apostles Build - 1644 Callaham St.

Churches across Lynchburg are coming together to sponsor and build a home for Adrienne's family. Thank you, **Bethany United Methodist Church, Grace Memorial Episcopal Church, Peakland United Methodist Church, Presbytery of the Peaks, Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas More Catholic Church, and Timberlake Christian**

Church. Also, thank you for the corporate sponsorship from BWX Technologies Inc. and the group of volunteers they sent during the United Way Week of Caring (see the "To Our Volunteers" section for more about this).

We are grateful to the Liberty University and University of Lynchburg volunteer groups for helping to build this Habitat home.

We also greatly appreciate the work our regular volunteer crew has put into these homes and the support you have given Florence's and Adrienne's families!

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Your Fall Newsletter!

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Only through the support of friends like you can we help families in Lynchburg!

Please help provide safe and affordable housing for families like Tiffany's and Florence's!

You can give using the included reply envelope or by going online to www.lynchburghabitat.org/donate. Please make your check payable to Greater Lynchburg Habitat for Humanity. If you prefer to use a credit card, fill out the inside flap of the reply envelope, or go to our secure donation page.

Coming this February, the 2020 Annual Report! Read all about the impact your support has made in Lynchburg – homes built, families served, and see what is on the horizon. Please reach out to us if you are a donor and do not want your name published in our list of supporters.

You can also support our mission by donating gently used furniture, appliances, or other home furnishings and construction supplies to the Habitat ReStore. All donations and purchases at the ReStore help local families in need of decent housing build strength, stability, and self-reliance.

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