



## Beatrice: A Caring Daughter, Mother, and Grandmother

The typical Habitat story is that of parents providing a better life for their children, but Beatrice is working hard to provide a better life for her aging mother.

Beatrice Payne is 61 years old and was born and raised in Lynchburg. She has always been a generous caretaker to her family. As a child, Beatrice helped raise her 3 younger siblings. When she was 18 years old, she married her husband. Though things were often tight financially, they were happy as they raised four children. She has helped raise six of her grandchildren.

She is so gracious and caring. When you meet her, you may not realize how difficult her life has been recently. In the last few years, Beatrice has sustained a serious back injury, lost her husband of 40 years, and in the middle of winter, she was forced out of the home where she raised her children and grandchildren. Yet, she does not complain. She would prefer to focus on others.

Beatrice applied for a Habitat home so she could care for her mother. Beatrice's mother, Berta, is 80 years old. She lives in a small house in Rustburg that does not have central air or running water. In 2019, she fell, hurt her knee, and now needs a cane for assistance. Beatrice knew she had to find a solution for her mother.

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Berta lives on a fixed income and does not have the finances to buy or rent a new home, and the rental homes Beatrice can afford are too small and do not have the accommodations Berta would need. Beatrice didn't know what she could do. That is when she remembered Habitat and applied for our homeownership program.

Because of the support of our volunteers and donors, Beatrice's Habitat home will provide for so many needs for her family. It will give them the space they need to care for Berta, with the accessibility she needs to move around the house with her injured knee. As it will be located on Hillview Street, a quiet, dead-end street on the eastern edge of town, it will provide safety and security. And it will provide financial stability because Beatrice will buy it with a zero-percent interest mortgage that fits her income.

Beatrice's house will be the next Habitat home to be built, once Renita's home is complete (see update below). It is the fourth home that the Liberty University Habitat for Humanity Club has sponsored! Even before hammering the first nail for her home, Beatrice has nearly completed all of her sweat equity hours by helping other families build their homes.

"To the supporters, I'd like to say thank you for what you are doing. You're making a real difference and helping us out. The volunteers are just wonderful and kind. They come every day just happy and smiling. I don't think I've ever seen one have a bad day. And donors, thank you for giving what you give to make all of this happen. You can be doing anything with your money, but you're helping people like me build homes." -Beatrice

## Update on Renita's House:

In the last newsletter, you read about Renita Jackson – the next Habitat homeowner. We are so excited to tell you her house is fully underway. All of the walls are built and the foundation is put in. We plan to complete the exterior and begin working on the interior soon. Renita is so excited to buy her home soon and is very thankful to all the volunteers who have helped so far and her house sponsors, Zeb and Jan Gray.



## Thank you to the following grantors for your support for the Safety Pump Jack System!

Scaffolding is needed to build homes, but in hilly areas like Lynchburg it can be very dangerous. That is why we are very thankful to the Genworth Foundation and Wells Fargo Foundation for providing \$11,500 and \$5,000 respectively for a Safety Pump Jack System, a safer alternative to scaffolding.





Would you like to give a great Christmas present and make an impact in our community at the same time? This holiday season shop at the Habitat ReStore for quality furniture, appliances, and home accessories. Everything here is a fraction of the retail price, and every purchase supports our homeownership program!

And don't forget, if you have gently used items you would like to donate, we can pick them up, or you can drop them off at our convenient donation center located on the far left side of our building. Give us a call at 434-528-5155 or go to [www.lynchburghabitat.org/restore](http://www.lynchburghabitat.org/restore) to learn more.



## Volunteers!

GLHFH cannot help local families without the selfless efforts of our volunteers! Thank you to anyone who has helped on our home builds, assisted in the ReStore, provided lunches, or supported us in any way. You are making an impact in our community!

### We need Mid-Week Crew Volunteers!

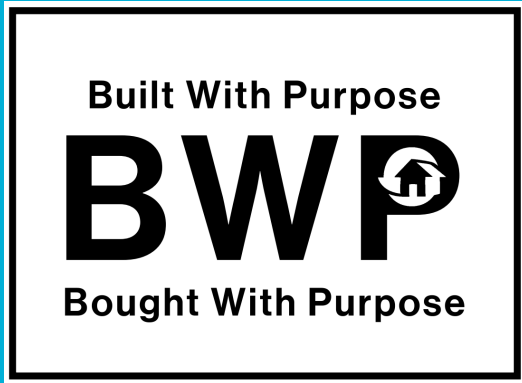
The Mid-Week Crew works directly on the home builds on Wednesday and Thursday from 8 am-3 pm under the direction of Brian, our Construction Manager. They are some of the greatest people you will ever meet. There is always something for everyone to do. Brian and our Crew can teach you everything you need to know.

If you are interested in joining the Mid-Week Crew or have any questions please call us at (434) 528-3774.

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\$ 30			
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## Foundation Builder

Only with the financial support of friends like you can Greater Lynchburg Habitat for Humanity help local families. One of the best ways for a donor to support us is by becoming a Foundation Builder, a monthly giving partner. You can help build homes, communities, and hope through an easy, automated monthly gift that is convenient for you, helpful for us, and impactful for the families we serve. Go to [LynchburgHabitat.org/foundationbuilders](http://LynchburgHabitat.org/foundationbuilders) to learn more.



## **BWP – Built with Purpose. Bought with Purpose.**

We are so excited about BWP, our new furniture line, handmade here by skilled volunteers. This program is amazing in so many ways! We take scrap lumber from our home builds, keeping it from the landfill, and repurpose it to build furniture. We then sell the pieces at the ReStore and all the proceeds support local families through our Homeownership Program.



The piece to the left is one of our first finished entertainment tables. When you purchase a BWP you support the families we serve and save the wood from the landfill! Stop by the ReStore and be one of the first to own a BWP.

## **Why we serve**

**Our Vision:** As a Christian Housing Ministry, we envision a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

**Our Mission:** Seeking to put God's love into action, Greater Lynchburg Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.