



The Builder

Spring
2023

Thank You to Our Donors and Volunteers





2022 Habitat Families

Renita Jackson

A Very Very Very Fine House

Renita emanates joy with a huge smile and gracious attitude. She was born and raised in the Hill City. She has worked full-time at Westminster Canterbury for twenty years. Renita knows how unstable housing in Lynchburg is. Twice in recent years, the houses that she was renting were sold, and she was forced to relocate. Her last apartment was a one-bedroom basement apartment because that was all she could afford. But thanks to our supporters, she is now a self-reliant owner of a quality home.

Sponsored by Zeb and Janet Gray.

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Beatrice Payne

Bea's Build

Beatrice applied for a Habitat home so she could care for her mother, Berta, who is 80 years old. She lived in a small house in Rustburg that does not have central air or running water. She also needs a cane for assistance. With the support of our volunteers and donors, Beatrice is now able to care for her mother in a home made to fit their needs.

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The Knight Family

LU House #4

Quashon, Courtney, and their four children are excited to build a home they can afford. Last November, the Habitat Road Trip Crazies, directed by Tom Gerdy, led a Blitz Build to get their home started, and now it is nearly done. Stay connected to our social media and emails for when we announce their home dedication date.

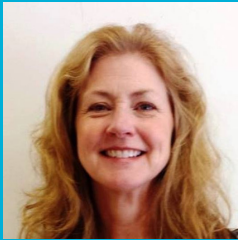
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Thank you, Grantors!

As the cost of building homes continues to climb, we rely on the generosity of grantors and donors to fill the funding gaps it creates. Above, you can see several of these listed as additional funding providers for the 2022 Habitat Families. Already for 2023, Genworth has committed to help fund a home for Habitat families, and Centra has also committed to doing likewise, in addition to the funding they provided for the Knight's home. Thank you, grantors - you are helping to build a stronger community.





The Who, What, and Why of Habitat

Donna Vincent, Executive Director

Why? This is the most important question in business and nonprofit arenas to gain investors or supporters. We remind you in every communication that the lack of affordable housing for families in Lynchburg puts those families at risk for numerous negative outcomes. Thousands of local families with low to moderate income need better housing that is structurally safe, without mold, leaks, and other hazards; has working appliances and a heat source; is in a safe neighborhood; and, is affordable. Affordable means they have enough income after paying for shelter to afford medicine and doctor visits, healthy food, clothing, and school supplies, plus reliable childcare and transportation.

What? Another question that can affect the agency's sustainability. What impact are we making? Data confirms that safe, affordable homeownership leads to outcomes beyond the house: improved general health, respiratory health, mental health, and reduced risk of injury. Habitat homeownership allows greater economic stability, better work performance with fewer absences, higher test scores, and higher high school graduation and college attendance rates. It also increases the likelihood of social and civic engagement. GLHFH has created homes with 312 families thus far, with five more waiting for their opportunity.

Who? Who will enable the ministry's work with their time, talent, and treasure? The longstanding success of Habitat for Humanity is rooted in volunteerism and generosity. No affiliate in the federation can exist without volunteers and donors. This issue of The Builder is focused on the WHO'S WHO of Greater Lynchburg Habitat for Humanity, those who care deeply about "WHY". Without you, there is no WHAT, or WHERE, or WHEN.

Our Greatest Need in 2023: Regular Crew Volunteers

The Regular Construction Crew forms the backbone of our volunteer base. While they only make up 3% of annual volunteers, they account for about 25% of the total volunteer service! To serve more local families in 2023, we need more crew members.

If you or someone you know wants to help local families build a future for themselves, and have free time on Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays, the Regular Crew may be a great place to impact our community! Most of the members are retired, with an average age of 70 years old, but we welcome people of all ages, skill levels, and backgrounds. The only thing volunteers need to bring is a passion for the mission.

The Crew has incredible camaraderie as they work together to serve others. It is also a great way to stay active, learn new skills, share knowledge, and simply enjoy the fresh air. For more information or to sign up, please contact Serrine Sorrell, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@glhfh.org.



Thank you to our 2022 Volunteers

We are sincerely grateful to all of our volunteers. Their dedication and hard work are truly appreciated and have made a significant impact on the lives of the families we serve. We know that our mission to provide affordable housing would not be possible without the support of our volunteers. They give their time and skills to build and improve homes to help create stronger, more stable communities and to help families achieve the dream of homeownership.



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