

*An Opportunity
Like No Other.*



An Opportunity for a Family

Family life, for most of us, centers on a home. A home provides stability, security, and a place in the community. Many families who are at or below the poverty line in Greenville County lack this critical nucleus.

In Greenville County, over 21,500 county residents live under the poverty line and pay more than 40% of their total household income on housing costs, according to United Way, Greenville County. Habitat's Homeownership Program offers these families an opportunity to improve financial stability by providing zero interest loans payable to Habitat with affordable monthly mortgage payments.

Habitat presents the opportunity . . .

Habitat families are selected to enter our Homeownership Program based on need, ability to pay, willingness to partner, Greenville County residency, and a level of income within the 30-60% median income range. In over 25 years of service, Habitat Greenville has provided over 275 needy families with homes. Our program is rooted in Christian faith, ministering to families, regardless of religion, background, race or creed.

Other Benefits of Homeownership:

- Release from generational cycle of poverty
- Sense of belonging
- Safety and security
- Self respect
- Pride of ownership
- Hope for the future



The Phases of Homeownership

Pre-Ownership Phase

- Assessment for Readiness
- Financial Counseling
- 250 "Sweat Equity Hours" through homeownership classes, community service, construction labor for other families' homes

Home Construction Phase

- Matched with Partner Groups
- Building alongside Partner Groups, other volunteers, and Habitat staff

Post Construction-Ownership Phase

- Home purchased from Habitat
- Homeownership supported by Habitat
- Mortgage payments recycled to serve other families



***When building a home,
lives are changed.***

- Families erase social stigma of poverty housing
- Learn to properly budget
- Gain pride and greater self worth

***Homeownership can be
the critical component
to changing a family's
circumstances.***

***... I tell you the truth, whatever
you did for one of the least of these
brothers of mine, you did for me.***

- Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

An Opportunity to Volunteer

We build homes for needy families; but the greater gift is the transformation process that takes place as Habitat and our community volunteers begin to partner with our families.

Our families have been nurtured by a community of thousands who understands that their contribution to the Habitat program provides “An Opportunity Like No Other.”

Habitat Greenville has built over 275 homes in 25 years.

Volunteers help Habitat as:

Construction Volunteers

Family Nurturers

Quality Assurance Team (QAT) Members

Project Planning and Office Volunteers



“[Habitat] it’s a whole feeling of completeness for these people. It just becomes a part of their life to know that they’ll have a safe place and a place where their children can be away from the drug culture....it really becomes a haven for them to get out of the neighborhoods they’ve been in. ”

- Margie Hill, Habitat QAT

***Unless the Lord
builds the house***
- From Psalm 127

"You know, what I'm doing today [for a Habitat family] – right now – today, is going to impact someone's life for the rest of their lives."

- Lynn Lyons

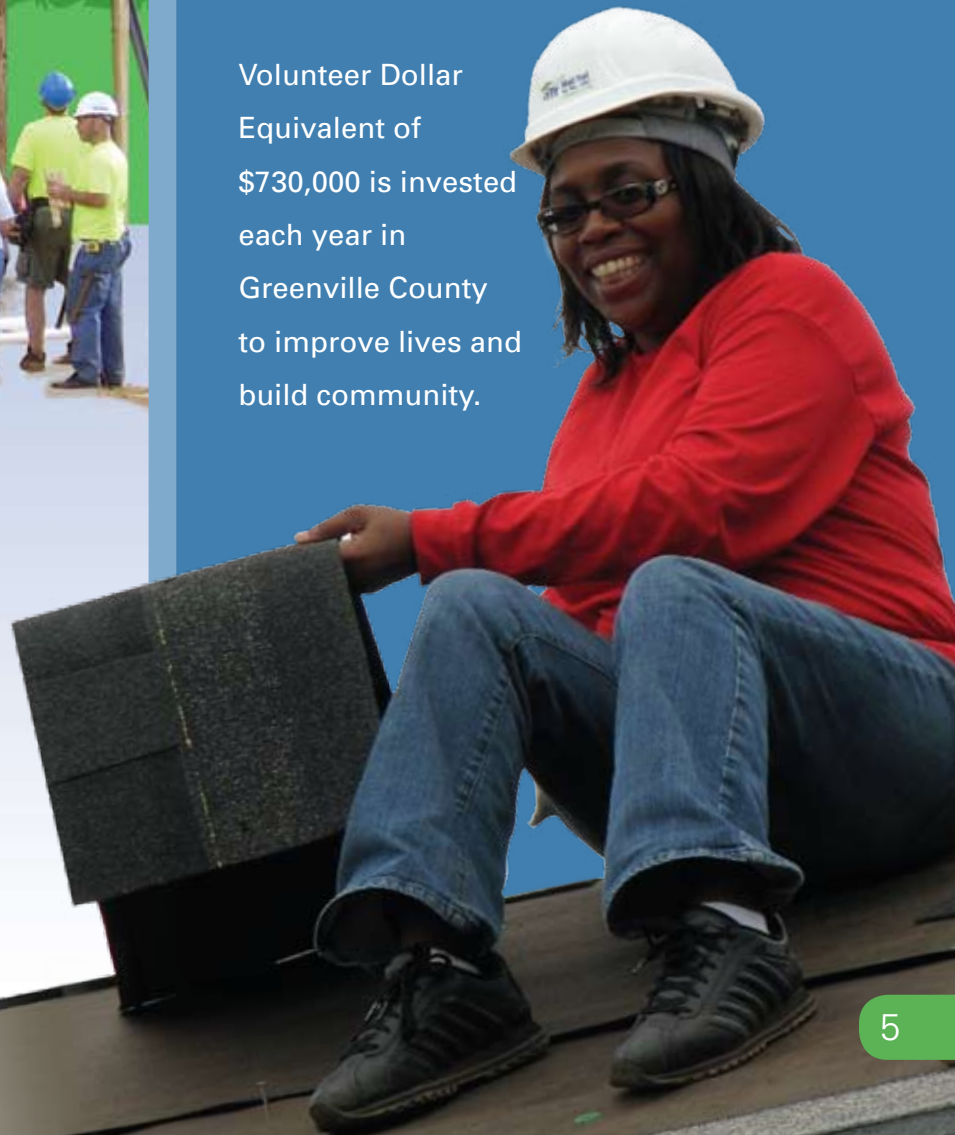
Volunteers Making a Difference

Over 2,000 volunteers assist Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County each year. Volunteers give over 35,000 hours of time to make our mission possible.

Volunteer Dollar Equivalent of \$730,000 is invested each year in Greenville County to improve lives and build community.

"Each year we're challenged to go out and find a charity in the community to partner with, and each year it just goes back to Habitat – to be able to provide a home and a "hand-up" to somebody in our community."

- Ben Keese
Michelin of North America



An Opportunity to Give

By seizing the opportunity to support and partner with Habitat, community partners, groups and individuals help low-income families achieve homeownership, thereby strengthening families and improving communities.

Ways You Can Help

Your donation to Habitat Greenville will open the door of homeownership to deserving families in Greenville County, changing their lives and strengthening our community. Donations of cash, stock, gifts-in-kind, planned gifts and estate gifts are needed and greatly appreciated.

Build Partner Levels

Through our build partnerships we engage both financial and volunteer support to build homes for our Habitat families.*

*With the exception of Full House Build Partner, HFHGC purchases land and pays for property site development.

Full House Partnership and Land

\$110,000 designated for land, site development, building materials, family training and selection services

Full House Partnership

\$62,000 designated for building materials for one house

Half House Partnership

\$31,000 designated building materials for half-house construction

Quarter House Partnership

\$15,500 designated building materials for a quarter-house construction

Stage Partnership

\$3,500 designated building materials for entry level partnership

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also

-Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

**With the help of
Habitat partners and
donors like you**

**. . . . the lives of four
generations in Rachel's family
have been forever changed.**

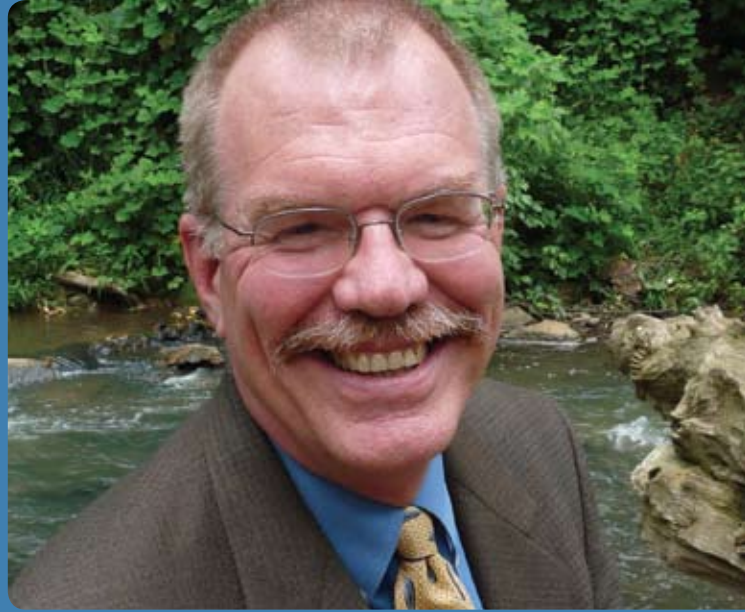
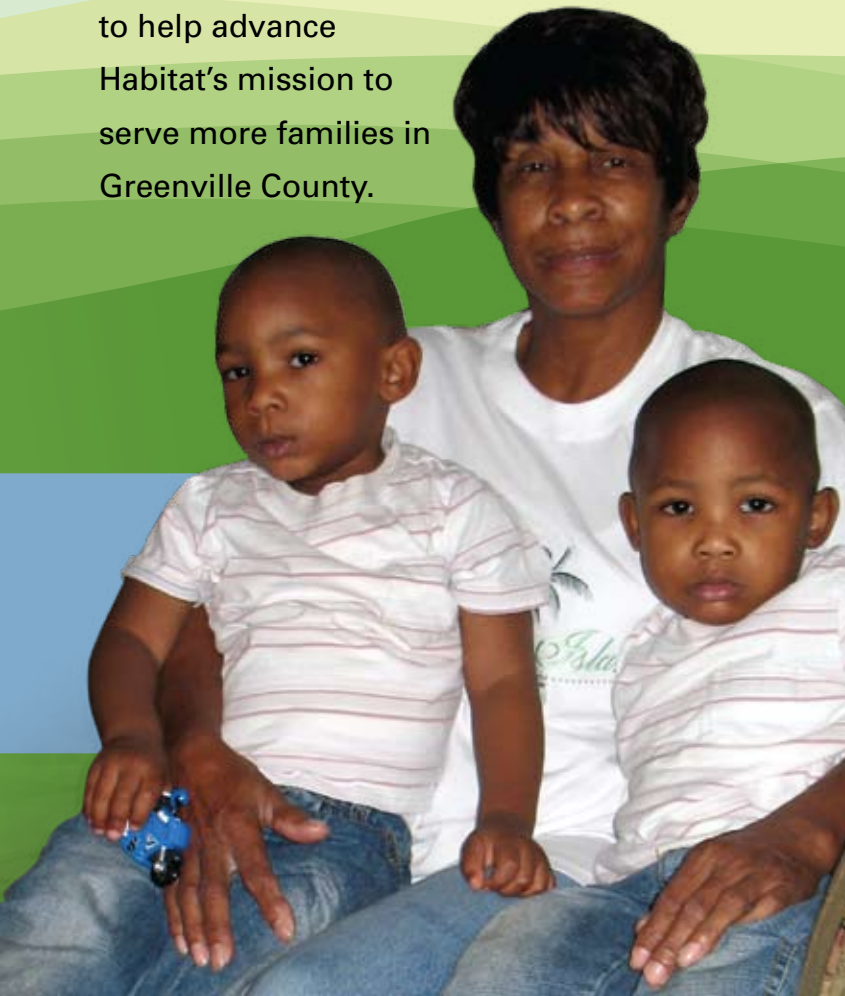
Rachel Grayson and great grandsons

Foundations for Future

A group of committed supporters who literally help build the foundation of Habitat Greenville through individual and general needs funding, these donors are and have been stewards of our mission, advocating that all people deserve the opportunity to experience decent and affordable housing.

Cornerstone Group

Comprising individuals, churches and groups who choose to donate any given amount on a **monthly** basis, this group supports Habitat Greenville's operations through the Family Services and Construction Departments. Plans are made in advance by the donor for credit card, EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer) transactions, or check as a means to help advance Habitat's mission to serve more families in Greenville County.



Simply put, Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County is "An Opportunity Like No Other."

Habitat is an opportunity for families who cannot afford a home through traditional avenues. Owning a Habitat home builds financial security, provides a safe place to raise families and instills a sense of accomplishment.

Habitat is an opportunity for volunteers. Men and women make a difference in the lives of families by the work of their hands. This tangible expression of love makes a difference not for a day, month or year, but for generations.

Habitat is an opportunity for donors. People who give are providing resources that impact individuals and families, breaking the cycle of poverty and in turn, strengthening our community.

As you read about Habitat's work in Greenville County, I believe you will understand our belief that Habitat is "An Opportunity Like No Other."

Monroe Free
President



"Habitat has opened up unprecedented opportunities for me to cross the chasm that separates those of us who are free, safe, well fed and housed, financially secure and influential enough to shape our own destiny from our neighbors who enjoy few, if any, of these advantages."

- Jimmy Carter
Former U.S. President



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