

Meet the fall families

Please consider a financial gift to help finish the houses set for completion in the next few months. Your gift in any amount will make a difference. Thank you!

Upcoming Home Dedications

December 3rd

The Heard Family
1 Payway Dr.
Greenville, SC

December 10th

The Pollard Family
311 O'Conner Ct.
Greenville, SC



Scan to watch a video of how Habitat has changed the lives of the Reese Family

The Heard Family
1 Pathway Dr.
Greenville



Nancy Heard is a single mother of two, Joshua, 22, and Nakkia, 19, and grandmother of one. While working and raising her family, Nancy received an Associate's Degree in Business from Piedmont Technical College. After suffering kidney failure in 2001, Nancy went on disability, but she was blessed to receive a kidney transplant in 2003. In Nancy's new home, the kitchen will be a very special place—where her family can gather over a meal, share stories, and make memories.

The Simpson Family
144 Abba Way
Taylors



Rodney and Crystal Simpson met in 1992 as Wal-Mart employees; they married in 1997. Both received Associate's Degrees from Greenville Tech, and Crystal is working toward her Bachelor's Degree in Business. They have two children: their daughter aspires to be a pianist; her older brother shares his father's enthusiasm for the martial arts. Rodney and Crystal believe that Habitat's workshops have prepared them for the responsibilities of homeownership, especially because they see money and finances in a new light.

The Pollard Family
311 O'Connor Ct.
Greenville



Carolyn Pollard dreamed for years of owning a home, but until she learned about Habitat, she couldn't imagine how her dream could come true. The mother of three has worked in the food industry for more than 16 years. She is active in the community, including Piedmont Manor Baptist Church and The Nicholtown Community Choir. Carolyn says the yard around her new home will be a focus of her attention because that's what people will see before they even set foot inside.

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BREAKING GROUND

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Habitat Housing: Affordable, clean, safe, and green

Habitat Greenville's commitment to building energy-efficient, sustainable homes is receiving a huge boost from The Home Depot Foundation and Habitat for Humanity International.

Habitat Greenville is one of 125 affiliates in the U.S. to be selected to participate in Partners in Sustainable Building, a green-building initiative of The Home Depot Foundation and Habitat International.

As a participant, Habitat Greenville will be granted \$3,000 for each home built to standards that address energy efficiency and water conservation and up to \$5,000 for each home built to a program that also incorporates indoor air quality standards, durability, and bulk moisture management.

"The generosity of The Home Depot Foundation will help Habitat Greenville expand its green-building practices," said Monroe Free, President of Habitat Greenville. "We are excited to participate and grateful for the opportunity to participate in the Partners in Sustainable Building program."



Since its creation in 2008, Partners in Sustainable Building has demonstrated that the initial costs of building to a green standard are modest and can be recovered by homebuyers through savings on utilities, repairs, and replacement costs over the course of the home's mortgage.



"The Home Depot Foundation has long believed that green building is smart building," said Kelly Caffarelli, president of The Home Depot Foundation. "In today's economic climate, energy efficient building practices, including sealing windows and doors, insulating walls and ceilings, and installing ENERGY STAR appliances and systems,

Dozens of well-wishers celebrated with Diana Alvarado and her family at the dedication of their Habitat home in the Abigail Springs subdivision in Taylors.

are more important than ever, because they can actually put money back into homeowners' wallets."

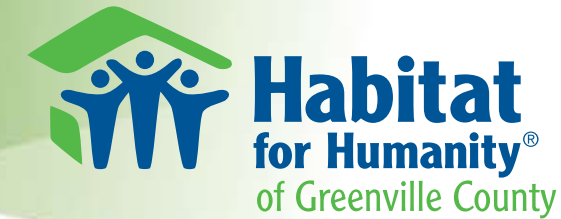
In recent years, Habitat Greenville has been committed to meeting not only ENERGY STAR standards but also the advanced energy efficient certification of EarthCraft, designed for the unique climate conditions of the southeastern U.S.

These new grants from Partners in Sustainable Building will allow Habitat Greenville to increase its efforts to conserve energy and resources, increase structure durability, and improve indoor air quality—resulting in long term benefits to Greenville county families, neighborhoods, and communities.▲

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Fresh Start

with Monroe Free



Second successful ReStore celebrates its first anniversary

Where can you find that backsplash tile that will make your kitchen sparkle? The sink that perfectly fits your guest bath? The French doors you've always wanted? And that metal thingy that holds the whatchamacallit together?

At the Habitat Restore!

Hopefully you've discovered the two Habitat Greenville ReStores and the terrific bargains you can find for your current DIY project.

This month, Greenville's second ReStore location—at 5201-A W. Wade Hampton Boulevard in Taylors—will celebrate its first anniversary. Its older sister store is at 305 Rutherford Road in Greenville.

Both stores are highly successful and have built an enthusiastic clientele.

Gene White, from Greenville, has shopped at the Rutherford Road ReStore since the day it opened.

"It's truly wonderful," Gene said. "And now with the second location in Taylors, I have more projects than I can complete." She loves finding antiques, collectibles, furniture, and salvaged items.

"And, the money from the ReStore goes to a great cause—building more homes in Greenville County," she added.

Proceeds from the ReStores totally fund the construction of one house each year and partially fund a second house.

"It is beyond measure that the ReStores are funding more than one home," said

About the Habitat ReStores

Great Prices on
Flooring · Building Materials
Window and Doors · Hardware · Plumbing
Lighting · Furniture · Appliances
Cabinets · Home Décor
And much more!


5201-A W. Wade Hampton Blvd., Taylors
305 Rutherford Rd., Greenville

Hours: Tues.–Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Check our Website: www.greenvillerestore.org
for our Taylors Anniversary Celebration

Tom Sawyer, Habitat Greenville Director of Resource Development. "We appreciate the public shopping at the ReStores."

Contributing to the success of Habitat ReStores are the volunteers who help staff the stores and the public's donations of appliances, furniture, building materials, and other items, said Taylors ReStore Manager Renee Shelton. "Our fastest moving items are appliances, air conditioners, and furniture like couches and love seats," Renee said.

Additional ReStore volunteers are needed for marketing, stocking, sorting, cleaning, and pricing. If you have items to donate, see a list of needed items at www.greenvillerestore.org. 

Help Habitat's "House Rehab" put another family into a home

In addition to homes Habitat Greenville is building from the ground up, we're rehabbing two existing homes this fall, making them clean, safe, and "nearly new" for two Habitat families. Total cost of the two rehabs is \$55,000. We received funding for the first rehab, but we need \$10,000 more for the second rehab.

Please help put another hard-working family into homeownership. Help fund Habitat's second fall rehab. Clip and mail the reply card at right with your gift or call 864-370-1458.

Why Habitat?

- Habitat Greenville is committed to building with energy and resource conservation in mind. It's good for our families, neighborhoods, communities, and planet.
- Habitat Greenville homes meet ENERGY STAR standards and also EarthCraft certification, energy efficient standards designed for homebuilding in the Southeast.
- Habitat's initial investment in meaningful green building initiatives is returned to our homeowners as savings in utilities and the costs of maintenance, repairs, and replacement.
- Energy-conscious construction can be affordable. Habitat Greenville wants to be a standard-bearer for sustainable housing in our communities.



Mail donor card and check payable to:
Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County
P.O. Box 1206 Greenville, SC 29602

Or make your donation online at our secure website
www.habitatgreenville.org and designate "295th house."

Yes, I want to "help build it" by contributing to the House Rehab

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City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

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Payment enclosed

or

Bill me monthly quarterly twice a year

Please charge: Visa MC AmEx

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Signature _____

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This morning when I took out the dog I found that cooler weather was here. It did not seem to bother him, but I was quickly looking for my jacket and hat. It won't be long until there is frost on the ground and then cold weather.

One of our volunteers tells a story about working beside a mother who would be the new homeowner of the house. They were doing the interior painting. The volunteer looked around to see the mother running her hands across the walls and saw big tears running down the mother's face. The volunteer asked "is everything ok, is something wrong?" The mother replied "I was just thinking that my children will not have to worry about being cold anymore."

For Habitat homeowners it's not just about how happy they are to have a new home. It is not about how pretty the new home is. What it's really about is how wonderful it will be to not worry about their children being cold. It's about how great it will be to know their kids have a safe place to play outside. It's about how incredible it will be when they're able to afford the house payment and the utility bill during the cold months of the year.

Habitat builds nice houses that are pretty. No one would be ashamed to live in one of our homes. But that's not the point. Habitat is about assuring that families will have the basics of a safe, decent, affordable and warm place to call home.

Monroe Free
President