

Building Houses

Building Lives

Building Hope

Building Community

### Clark Dedication and Farmer Build



The traditional presentation of the family Bible, surname sign and passing of the keys to the Clark family, as well as a beautiful children's painting.



There is nothing more special in the Habitat world than wall raisings and dedications. Back in early September both happened in the same week. The Clark build was another collaborative Presbyterian Build in Avery County; the congregations of Covenant, Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, Arbor Dale, Banner Elk, Crossnore, Fletcher and Newland Presbyterian churches came together to sponsor the Clark build as well as sending volunteers to the gorgeous build site in Milford Meadows. Welcome home Craig, Patricia, Thomas & Sophia!

A couple days after the Clark dedication, the walls of the Farmer house started going up. A group from Covenant as well as students from the Avery County High School Carpentry Class framed the exterior walls marking the 43rd build in the county.

Our Partner Family, Bill and Alexis Farmer, are a great father/daughter combo. As we go to print we are ready to hang drywall and continue the

progress toward getting Bill and Alexis into their new home for Christmas.



Bill Farmer and daughter Alexis, anxious and excited to move into their new red roofed home.



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Thank You Melanie for 11 years of dedicated service to our mission!

### Holiday Challenge

Back in late August, a couple from Chapel Hill toured Milford Meadows, the Gilmer Community Center and the Clark home. As they made their way out they stopped and offered a challenge. They would match donations up to \$20,000 through October 31st. We raised \$30,000 and the couple upped their donation to match us for a total of \$60,000 raised!

As a year end development goal toward building more affordable housing in Avery County for working class families, we are asking our supporters to match the \$60,000 raised so far through this challenge. At present we have 7 approved families awaiting construction. Are you willing to lend a hand and help us make that match in order to build dreams in 2016?





HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS FLOCK TO AVERY COUNTY EACH YEAR TO WORK IN THE BREATHTAKING SURROUNDINGS & HELP BUILD WITH OUR FAMILIES

2015 saw an influx of volunteers from all over the country, including Connecticut, Iowa, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, as well as some dedicated locals!



**2015 Volunteer Groups**

- Suffolk University (MA)
- RV Care-A-Vanners (IA & PA)
- Culpeper Presbyterian (VA)
- Providence Presbyterian (SC)
- Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church (NC)
- Taiwanese/American Presby. Fellowship (NJ)
- Avery High School Carpentry Class
- Baxter Healthcare (NC)

- University of Connecticut
- RV Care-A-Vanners (AL, FL, MI & NC)
- Camp Linn Haven
- Media Presbyterian (PA)
- Greene Memorial United Methodist Church (VA)
- Covenant Presbyterian (NC)
- RV Care-A-Vanners (FL & NC)
- Tuesday-Wednesday Local Crew (NC)

**From the Director's Desk**



Christon Clark

We do not always see what is coming, but given the issues I had with my vision the first couple days on the job I actually saw the surgery I had coming! A wonderful volunteer, Mary

Ellen Campbell, drove me to Morganton and waited until after I came out of surgery at 12:30am to drive me back to Milford Meadows. It took a second surgery, two and a half weeks later, to fully repair the detached retina and slowly my vision has improved. Through it all I have kept my focus on Avery County Habitat, keeping projects moving forward, working alongside a wonderful staff and dedicated volunteers while also working on a blueprint for the future. The foundation of Avery County Habitat is very strong, the need within Avery County is great and we involved in the day to day operations remain committed to bringing more

and more affordable and highly efficient housing to the hard working families of Avery County.



Recently we had a staff lunch celebrating the more than 27 years of direct service to Avery County Habitat for Humanity. It is the service of those individuals that convinced me Avery County was the right place to settle, only after taking in the view from the Clark's

porch of course! (inset) The past 16 weeks have been a blur (pun intended) but an experience I would not trade for anything!

Consider a gift to Habitat this holiday season. It will help make dreams reality and bring smiles to many faces like the Clark and Farmer families!

Thank you for a wonderful welcome to the High Country.

Merry Christmas!  
God Bless



## Summer Event, Autumn Mountain Classic and more... Golf!

More than 500 attended the *Kruger Brothers* concert held at the Hayes Auditorium on the campus of Lees-McRae College in mid August enjoying the distinctive sounds of the converted Appalachian trio while helping raise more than \$20,000 for Avery Habitat.

Before the performance, Jack Wiseman was crowned the *Big Cheese* for 2015. Jack is the proprietor of Linville Falls Winery and raised more than \$2,500 in his participation in the 2015 *Big Cheese* competition. Thanks Jack and all the *Big Cheese* participants - Fabio Brocco, Lou Cooper, Carol Lynn Loven Holtsclaw, Richard Honeycutt, Brenda Lyerly, Clyde McKinney and Mike Simpson!

The 3rd Annual Autumn Mountain Classic was held on a beautiful October day at Grandfather Golf & Country Club. 104 golfers participated in the event, raising more than \$18,000. Winners were:

Gross: Chris Lampe, Glenn Wright, Brian Sherill & Mike Hulbert

Net: Bill Burrow, Jan Mercer, Eric Clark & Tony Parker

2016 brings the inaugural Spring Mountain Classic to be held at Linville Golf Club (pictured below) on Friday, May 13th. Save the date and register early!



REGISTER EARLY  
FOR THE 2016  
SPRING  
MOUNTAIN  
CLASSIC AT  
HISTORIC LINVILLE  
GOLF CLUB  
MAY 13, 2016



## Habitat Global Village Trip - El Salvador 2016

Experience another culture while making a difference in the lives of others. Join Criston Clark in early 2016 for an experience unlike any other. The trip is open to anyone interested in helping further the Habitat mission both in Avery County and abroad. The Global Village Trip is February 27 - March 5. Help end substandard housing across the globe, one house and family at a time. Join us in El Salvador, email: [info@averycofh.org](mailto:info@averycofh.org)

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In a previous trip the team helped build a house for a wonderful family outside the village of Turin.

"We are all so happy to have our new home," says Maria Luisa.  
"Thank you for all you have done for us."





The ReStore recently received a large donation from Lowe's of a variety of goods, including a wonderful selection of kitchen, vanity and shower faucets as well as the proverbial kitchen sink! Stop into the store to check out the new wares...



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