

Building Houses

Building Lives

Building Hope

Building Community



The Clark House in White Oak Knoll

House #52 Dedicated!

The new home dedication ceremony for Patricia Clark and her family was held in the White Oak Knoll community. The celebration was led by Board members, volunteers, donors and staff, including prayers, a Litany for Shelter, the presentation of a Bible and the key to the new house. Thank you to all who had a part in making homeownership a reality for the Clark family!

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Patricia and family received a beautiful handmade quilt from Chris Zimmer, representing the Comfort Makers and Rev. Whit Malone of Banner Elk Presbyterian Church



Habitat Homeowner Pays Off Mortgage!

Martin and Carmen Pedraza have paid their 20 year mortgage off - two years early! Congratulations, Pedraza family for this great accomplishment!



Pictured here is the Pedraza family in 2007. Ale, Carmen, Martin, Danny, Lili and Adriana. (The kids are all grown up now!)

Avery Habitat staff, volunteers and board members had the privilege of meeting with representatives of Habitat Guatemala. Avery Habitat has enjoyed an ongoing partnership with Habitat Guatemala since 1994 and has contributed over \$175,000 in support funds.





Volunteer Groups March - July

- Blue-Green Vacations
- Covenant Presbyterian Church (NC)
- Culpeper Presbyterian Church (VA)
- Formosan United Methodist Church (CA)
- Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church (NC)
- Legacy Christian Academy (FL)
- Martin Luther Chapel (MI)
- Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)
- RV Care-A-Vanners
- Tuesday Quality Team
- Wednesday FAB Team

Thank You to all our volunteers who keep Avery Habitat building forward!!!



From the Director -

Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners assist in building their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves and their families.

~Through affordable housing, we empower. Please consider contributing to Avery County Habitat for Humanity. Thank you for your support!

Melanie Burgin
Executive Director



Welcome, Bobbie Willard!

Bobbie joined the Avery Habitat team as of April, 2023 and is providing part-time office assistance and other services as needed. Bobbie is a recent retiree who served as the Avery County 4-H Extension Agent for the past 12 years. She brings an extensive background in nonprofit programming and case management client services. Bobbie has also served as a volunteer on the Avery Habitat Selection Committee for the past 8 years. Bobbie is the mother of 2 adult children and lives with her husband and various critters in the Foscoe community. "I am definitely a people person and enjoy being part of programs that can provide emotional, physical and socio-economic impacts for families such as Habitat does. I really appreciate the fact that the entire family is encouraged to be involved in the Habitat process from the very beginning of their housing journey."



Urbina House # 54 is on the way!



Isaac and Delia Urbina and their four children are getting excited about their new house. All the framing is up, foam insulation is on the exterior, and the plywood is on the roof. This will be the 6th house in the White Oak Knoll community in Newland.

The Urbina Family: Zabdiel, Delia, Isaac, Kathy, Melaly and Merary



Paying it forward....

From once homeless to proud homeowner, Avery County Habitat for Humanity's partner, Patricia Galloway has found a way to give back to her community.

Patricia is a disabled Veteran from the Marine Corps who completed her Habitat house in 2019. Patricia's home is a unique Habitat design that incorporated a carport to accommodate her husband, also a disabled Veteran, who was often wheelchair bound. Unfortunately, Patricia's spouse passed away suddenly just a month before their move in date. Patricia was devastated by the loss of her husband but has rebounded and is very grateful for the many gifts she has been blessed with. She loves having her own home with breathtaking views she shares with her canine companions and neighbors.

When Patricia received some unexpected funds from the Veterans Administration, she devised a way to give back to Avery Habitat. Since her home has an open carport, it was the middle of the summer months, and there will be additional houses going up in the development, she decided to use her funds to provide 4 sturdy picnic tables and much needed shade for the visiting Habitat volunteers to enjoy their lunch! "I love getting to meet with and introduce my dogs to the various volunteers that come to Avery County."



Family Partner Pipeline

Number of Families we have at each Stage of Partner Family Development

16
Family Selection
Waitlist

11
Approved
Building Sweat Equity

2
Approved
Building House

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Closings in
past 12 months
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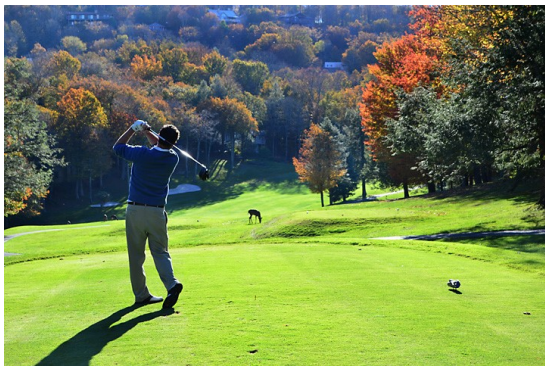


The 2023 Autumn Mountain Classic Golf



Beech Mountain Club will host the 2023 Autumn Mountain Classic! All proceeds will benefit Avery County Habitat for Humanity. Join us on Monday, September 18th for a fun round of golf on a course that boasts gorgeous views of mountain ranges of North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Just fill out the enclosed registration form and mail it in with your payment, and we'll see you at the Beech Mountain Club September 18th!





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