

Building Houses

Building Lives

Building Hope

Building Community

**Builds 45 and 46 Progressing for December and early 2018 move-ins**



The Sutton House (above) nearing completion. The Mina House (right) as viewed from the newly built Church Farm Road.



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Thanks to the help of several groups this fall, as well as the Avery High School Carpentry class, construction has rolled along in a time that has traditionally been slow. And not just one house, but two!

Build 45 (Sutton) should provide for a Christmas move-in, while Build 46 (Mina), the first in our new development, White Oak Knoll, should be set for move-in very early into 2018.



The initial grading for Church Farm Road (above left) and after a few loads of gravel, as well as seed & straw (above right).



Church Farm Road at White Oak Knoll was turned from a straight up the hill shot to a winding, more drainage and weather friendly snake that will allow for safer passage and ultimately more curb appeal overall for the neighborhood, benefiting residents and community at large.

Tuesday Senior Quality Assurance Team volunteers Larry Zimmer and Rick Garrett installing trim at the Sutton Build.

**Special Thanks to High Country Charitable Foundation for continued support**



Office and Program Manager Melanie Burgin, board members Beth Tally and Brenda Lyerly with Jim Ferguson from the High Country Charitable Foundation.

For the past two years, the High Country Charitable Foundation has approved Avery Habitat grant requests to help fund the construction of the first two houses in our new development outside of Newland. The Foundation is made up of residents at the Elk River Club that strongly believe in supporting Avery County. These funds will allow Avery Habitat to build the very first zero-step entry, slab on grade, fully ADA-compliant home for a veteran Partner Family.

The idea of the High Country Charitable Foundation was conceived by a small group of local residents who recognize the importance of giving back to the community.



*Thank You High Country Charitable Foundation!!!*



## Volunteer Groups

- Avery Banks & CU (First Citizens, SECU, UCB)
- Avery High Carpentry Class
- Avery Middle School
- Blue Ridge Academy
- Blue Ridge Young Professionals
- Cannon Memorial Hospital
- Covenant Presbyterian
- Cranberry Middle School
- Grandfather G&CC Lunch & Paint Crew
- RV Care-A-Vanners (NC, PA, SD)
- Tuesday SQUAT Crew

*Thank You to all our volunteers  
that keep Avery Habitat moving  
and building forward!!!*

## From the Director's Desk

I recently took my family to the Biltmore Estate for the first time. I was struck by the grandiose and opulent rooms but probably not in the same way as the few thousand other visitors that day. What struck me was how many families, hard working, lower income families could live in each of those rooms.

There is a global affordable housing shortage, Avery County and the US are not immune. In fact Avery County is more susceptible than most US counties because of our seasonal nature. The beauty that makes people from all over come for a few days, a week, a month, a season or two can be awfully cruel to those who live and work here full-time. Especially lower income families.

Millard Fuller started Habitat for Humanity more than 40 years ago with the premise that it was not that lower income families could not afford homeownership, but that they did not have access to capital. Even after more than 500,000 Habitat homes built around the globe (46 in Avery County, yet more in Guatemala, see next page) his founding premise still rings true.



At the end of October, after my 5th and hopefully final eye surgery since moving to the High Country.

As we come to the end of another successful calendar year for the affiliate I remain humbled and grateful for all the support we receive from such a diverse collective of the Avery community and beyond. Yet there remains much to do and our team remains committed to do it!

God Speed,  
Christon



# News: Education Partnership with Mayland, Golf Tournament Update



Beginning in January 2018 Avery Habitat partners with Mayland Community College and Avery County Schools to present Family Financial Management, open to anyone in Avery County interested in improving their financial knowledge and position. Avery Habitat Partner Families are required to attend the classes, in addition to a homeownership workshop specifically geared toward Habitat homeownership. These classes mark the first 100 hours of sweat equity for most families (50 for single adults), an additional 200 hours (100 for single adults) are required before construction can begin. Classes will be held at Newland Elementary.



## A LOOK at the BUDGET

### COMING SPRING 2018 FAMILY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Basic Financial Management class open to ALL Avery County families. Learn how to budget your money and make it go further. Class is FREE to those who meet income guidelines and is sponsored by Avery Habitat for Humanity and Mayland Community College. Call 828-766-1297 for more information or to register.



- Learn to manage your income and save for emergencies.
  - Make your money work for you!
  - Learn to create and manage your personal budget.
  - Tips for obtaining credit and avoiding pitfalls.
  - Why insurance is important.
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**MAYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Career Development Program  
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Mayland produced flyer for Family Financial Management class starting January 2018



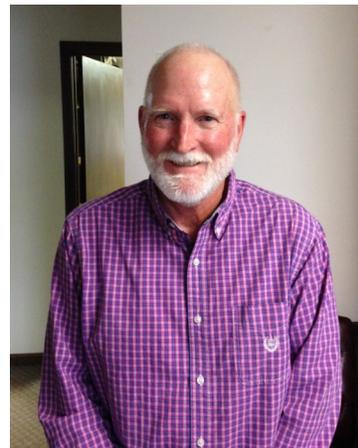
Avery Habitat's Mountain Classic will be moving back to the Fall in 2018 with a return to our original host, Elk River Club. We are excited to be welcomed back to the Jack Nicklaus Signature Course by our friends at Elk River! Get your foursome in early in the year as space is guaranteed to be limited! Date will be announced in early Spring.

EVERY HABITAT BUILDS YEAR ROUND, CALL OFFICE FOR INFO ON HOW YOU CAN VOLUNTEER - 828-733-1909

With a busy build and renovation calendar this winter, volunteers are always desired. Simply call the office at 828-733-1909 to get on the schedule!

## Volunteer Spotlight: Bill Cocke

In many ways Bill has been a hidden volunteer for Avery Habitat for close to 20 years (his memory is a little foggy as to how long as well). As our chief real estate and closing attorney, Bill has not charged a dime to close more than 35 mortgages! His real estate expertise has been invaluable to the affiliate and we have even been able to get him to laugh a time or two with some tales from the field.



The elusive Bill Cocke

THROUGH HABITAT INTERNATIONAL'S TITHE PARTNERSHIP AVERY HABITAT HAS CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN \$111,750 IN 25 YEARS, SERVING MORE THAN 34 FAMILIES IN GUATEMALA!!!

Thank You Bill!!!





## Drive to 50!

As Builds 45 and 46 near completion and a fully funded Build 47 looms in Spring 2018, Avery Habitat is looking to shift into another gear toward our drive to build our 50th home before the end of 2019. For the past year we have strived to raise our funding to a level where we remain a build and a half funded ahead. This means that when Partner Families complete the necessary sweat equity hours we are immediately ready to begin construction on their home. Over the next year we are working toward being funded multiple homes ahead to increase our pace of building affordable housing solutions for hard working Avery County families that qualify for our program.

Since our founding in 1991 Avery Habitat has invested more than \$4.4 million into the housing stock within the county. We have barely scratched the surface of what we can do and those we can help.

With your continued help we can make this happen!

Consider making a donation into the future of many!



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