

Building Houses

Building Lives

Building Hope

Building Community

Dual March Dedications and Gilmer Renovation Feast

Sunday, March 5th

2pm beginning at 1201 Brook Shell Road, Elk Park 28622

Moving to 19 Friendship Lane, Elk Park 28622

Finishing at the Gilmer Community Center, 151 Friendship Lane for food & refreshments, feel free to bring a dish!

Join us on what promises to be a glorious Sunday afternoon as we dedicate the Jones and Clawson homes!

Amanda Jones and her four children have been dreaming of this day for at least two years. With a brand new, energy efficient four bedroom house to come home to each and every day, things have really brightened up.



Zaimen teaching sister Hailey-Jo the finer points of the hammer

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Brandon and Brandy Clawson, along with their two children, are grateful to be in a home that no longer contributes to severe asthma, is highly energy efficient and most important, is home!

Join us to celebrate these two dedications!



Brandon & Brandy with daughter Alexia have closed on their home and are ready for dedication!



The Jones home ready for move in!



Helping Heroes, the Angels that Keep Avery Habitat Going, 25 Years and Counting...



Helping Heroes Carol & Glenn Arthur



Christon Clark with Helping Hero Kim Barnhardt

For more than 25 years volunteers young & old, tall & short, skilled & unskilled have been helping Avery Habitat build houses, lives, hope and community. Each newsletter we would like to recognize some of these Helping Heroes that continue to push us forward.

Carol & Glenn Arthur and Kim Barnhardt are our Helping Heroes of this edition.



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Helping Heroes continued

Kim Barnhardt came to Avery Habitat via the Covenant Presbyterian work group a few years back and never left!

It helps that the Barnhardts have had a cabin up on Yellow Mountain for several years and Kim loves to be in the mountains in winter. A year ago she was the driving force on the Farmer house as we carried construction through the winter. She even came up with a creative stabilizer to use on the metal roof so she could help finish siding along the raised portion of the roof. This winter she has been at the Gilmer Community Center at least one day a week to keep the renovations moving forward so the center would be ready for our first collegiate group arriving in early March. She has done it all. Thank you Kim!

Speaking of the Gilmer Community Center, Carol & Glenn Arthur have been instrumental in its existence from its beginning in 2005. Carol & Glenn like to dream big, and fund projects that will greatly increase the capacity of Avery Habitat. Much of the growth of Avery Habitat can be attributed to the support of the Arthurs! Beyond the community center, much of the land Habitat has built on over the years has been acquired and paid off via generous donations from the Arthurs.



Kim Barnhardt employing her rubber-made solution to metal roof stabilization!

Thank You Kim, Carol & Glenn for your dedication to improving lives in Avery County by investing in the longevity of the community!!!

From the Director's Desk

It is with great sadness that I write about the retirement of Dr. David Burleson as Superintendent of Avery County Schools. From my first week in the county Dr. Burleson has been an incredible fellow Rotarian, but beyond that he has been a friend to Habitat for many, many years. At our first lunch we discussed the possibility of the Habitat High grant involving the Senior level Carpentry class, in addition he shared his dream of an Avery County Schools Habitat Build. Less than a year and a half later we made it through one successful Habitat High session and are bringing the inaugural Avery Schools Build to fruition! But that only tells one side of a very multi-faceted individual.

I was in the room when Dr. Burleson learned of an unfortunate accident involving two athletes over the summer. His concern could not have been more evident and he did not remain in the room much longer so he could visit them in the hospital. Back in December I took a call from Dr. Burleson asking to help a senior (on her way to graduation and a scholarship) whose family had just lost everything in a fire. We were fortunate to have an opportunity to help. While we have provided very unusual short term



Avery High School Carpentry Class aka "Habitat High" with Construction Coordinator Bruce Benfield

help, the family is preparing their application for the potential of a long-term solution as a Habitat Partner Family.

That is the Dr. Burleson I know, ALWAYS seeking solutions for all his students. Thank you for your service to Avery County Dr. Burleson; yet another Helping Hero!

God Speed,
Christon

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News: Avery Schools Build, Property Taxes and Golf Tournament



Funding from Chief Cares and High Country Charitable Foundations have made the very first Avery Schools Habitat Build possible, but it was the impetus of Dr. David Burleson, Avery County Schools Superintendent, that brought the idea to fruition. With groundbreaking set for late Feb/early March, the build is going to be the ultimate sendoff for the retiring Dr. Burleson. Everett & Shirley Sutton have completed their required sweat equity and training, and are ready to begin construction of their home on Blevins Creek Road.



Partner Family member and board member, Leah Willis made the annual property tax presentation to Phillip Barrier, Avery County Tax Administrator back in December. The 44 Habitat built homes in Avery County pay more than \$20,000 annually in property taxes!

Avery Habitat Partner Family member & board member Leah Willis with Avery County "Tax Man" Phillip Barrier

The Second Annual Spring Mountain Classic will be held Friday, May 5th at Linville Golf Club. Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30am with a shotgun start at 12:30pm. Thanks to United Community Bank for being the Premiere Sponsor. And Beech Mountain Brewery, as well as Flat Top Brewery for donating for the beverage carts. Space is limited and filling fast! Call or email if you are interested in participating. As it is Cinco de Mayo the chance of a margarita bar is increasing exponentially by day...

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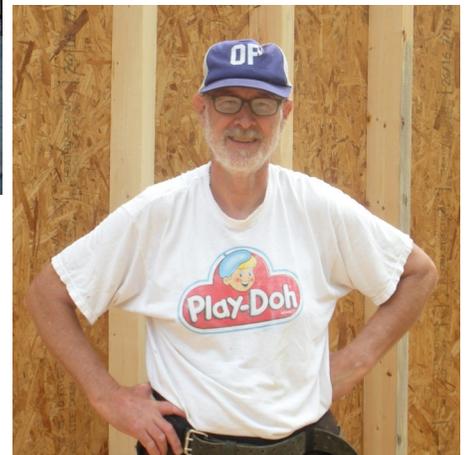
Volunteer Spotlight: Steve Bender



Steve is a retired chemistry teacher but he is the "professor" of the Tuesday Work Group! For more than 10 years Steve has been on Avery Habitat sites (he even spent some quality time on a Watauga Habitat site) that he knows our floor plans inside and out. Growing up with two sisters, it is the camaraderie and bonding that brings Steve back week after week, year after year! He and wife Donna, a retired nurse, moved permanently to the backside of Beech Mountain in 1998 and have not looked back. Through gaining skills on Habitat work sites Steve has been able to continuously work on their home over the years.



Steve along with long time volunteers Bob Powell and Dick Larson in the Gilmer Community Center back in 2009.



SPRING MOUNTAIN CLASSIC

Linville Golf Club at Escala Lodge hosts the 2017 Avery County Habitat Spring Mountain Classic for the second consecutive year. Join us on Friday, May 5th for a wonderful round of golf on an extraordinarily beautiful course. Avery Habitat has built 44 homes in 25 years and has started the 45th home!

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