

Simple, decent, affordable housing

Fall 2014



Carol Dunn, Care-A-Vanner

Greetings,

On this October morning, the breeze is cool, the trees are coloring and signs of winter are around the corner. The old timers are forecasting a bad winter to come, some calling it the "Black Squirrel Winter." Our newest partner families will be testing their energy efficient homes, but the greatest gift is having a place to call home. Jennie Jordan and daughter, Cheyenne and the Hanick family are the latest families to experience Habitat, only because you care.

Currently, the home for the Clark family is near completion on the exterior. We will continue to work through the winter months and by spring have another home complete in Milford Meadows. This home was generously sponsored by several local Presbyterian churches and a partnering church from Charlotte. Work groups from several of these churches have come out to participate in this great project. Our summer has flown by with numerous new and returning groups lending their helping hands. Thanks to all.

Eight more families have applied for housing as we continue to build three homes per year. Our affiliate plans to construct our "Family Housing & Education Center" in spring 2015 next to the ReStore in Newland. This will be a permanent home for our office and serve as our training center for our partner families.

Please pray for our affiliate and partner families. May God richly bless you and yours in the coming months. Thanks for your support!

Building on Faith,
 Terry Woodruff, Executive Director

Our Mission:

Seeking to put God's love in action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

RESTORE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!



Lisa Whittington and Doris Shomaker with volunteers, Madeline & Roland Zill and Charles Murray, have fun stocking shelves in the book room. **Our Habitat ReStore**

is celebrating 10 years of merchandising excellence in Avery County! Lisa has managed the store and led its crew for eight of those years. She attributes the store's success to the happy environment created for both workers and shoppers. The team consists of staff, volunteers, board members and individuals from partner families accruing their sweat equity hours. The ReStore is significant within the local community by providing reasonably priced merchandise both new and donated, and is unrivaled in its contribution to the Habitat mission of building affordable housing for qualified families. Over the course of its existence, the Restore has provided \$345,076 towards home building costs. Lisa stated the team dream is to underwrite the total cost of one home in one year. Making the store more organized and convenient is one step to insure their goal. Roland Zill, a board member, has spent many hours building shelves, partitions, a ladies' bathroom and lunch area. Todd Hefner, also a board member, painted the main merchandise area a cheerful yellow. The television display room and book nook were both labors of love. By the time you are reading this, the Christmas items will have found their own area of display. These items provide a big seasonal boost in sales. Please consider donating to the ReStore, and better yet, come in and shop!

A YEAR LATER...

CATCHING UP WITH THE ADAMS



Now, a year later, all the Adams family has increased in age, Haley now 13, Kaley 11, both doing very well in middle school. Isaiah 6, has started kindergarten, and Kiara at 4 is attending the Head Start Program.

Brian and Tonya Adams do not let moss grow under their feet! Tonya expressed the desire to have a deck on the back of their home where they could have a fire pit, sit around and toast marshmallows with the kids and friends. No sooner expressed, the two bought lumber and started to build. The idea has become a fun and functional reality.

While cleaning out a storage shed prior to moving into their new home, Tonya observed it was all children's clothing. Baby things kept for the next child, toddler clothes waiting to be passed on, preteen fashions to be shared between sisters. As she unpacked, she realized this well thought out plan didn't always work. One child completely skipped over a certain size; one child's frame didn't necessarily fit into the previous one's style. What's a mother to do? If they were constantly buying clothes for a growing family, other families must be doing the same. The Children's Owlet Store was the solution. Brian and Tonya opened an outlet store of gently, sometimes new, clothing items and other children's necessities. In retail, location is everything, The Owlet is located in Crossnore next to a child daycare center. Tonya is now employed at a local spa providing nail and hair care while Brian manages The Owlet. Their children join him after school and each has their own specific "job" at the store. It has provided them with social skills greeting customers and entertaining the children while their mothers' shop. They offer their own items like candy and snacks for sale and probably point customers to the best deals in the store!

In talking with Brian who says, "Tonya can do anything", he also reveals his own dream, a prospective plan to take all this, The Owlet, Tonya's cosmetology services, the children's participation and service to the community a step further fulfilling a definite need for families in his town. Tune in next year and read how this enthusiastic family has touched the sky to achieve their dreams and....turned another year older!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Thank you to all our volunteers that helped build affordable, energy efficient homes for our partner families:

Baxter Healthcare Work Group, *Marion NC*
Avery High School Carpentry Class, *Newland NC*
Suffolk University, *Boston MA*
Boston College, *Boston MA*
University of Maryland, *College Park MD*
Agnes Irwin School, *Rosemont PA*
Culpeper Presbyterian, *Culpeper VA*
Camp Linn Haven Group
Media Presbyterian, *Media PA*
Greene Memorial UMC, *Roanoke VA*
Camp Lutherock
Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Presbyterian,
Wilmington NC
Seven Oaks Presbyterian, *Columbia SC*
Zion Lutheran, *York PA*
Women Build Participants
Providence Presbyterian, *Columbia SC*
Arbor Dale Presbyterian
Banner Elk Presbyterian
Crossnore Presbyterian
Fletcher Presbyterian
Newland Presbyterian
Covenant Presbyterian, *Charlotte NC*
RV Care-A-Vanners
Tuesday Work Group



Photo of our recently completed 40th home for Jennie Jordan and her daughter Cheyenne.

PRESBYTERIAN BUILD



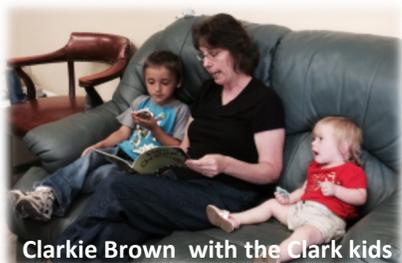
Local Presbyterian congregations are uniting again this fall to sponsor an entire home for an Avery County Habitat for Humanity partner family. Arbor Dale Pres., Banner Elk Pres., Crossnore Pres., Fletcher Pres., Newland Pres., Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Pres. (Wrightsville Beach, NC) and Covenant Pres. (Charlotte, NC) will all participate in the project, with Covenant already making a weeklong service trip to Avery County the first of September and Chapel on the Boardwalk coming for a few days in late October. All congregations will participate in the construction by providing volunteers throughout the process. Along with monetary donations and physical labor, congregations will also provide meals for the groups each week working on the job site.

Last year, Arbor Dale, Banner Elk, Crossnore, Fletcher, Newland and Covenant Presbyterian Churches raised over \$57,000 for their first Presbyterian Build home. The churches hope to continue the house sponsorship and grow the list of congregations that are included. Physically building a home together is only the beginning for these Presbyterian congregations, as the pastors hope that the experience will encourage unity among the congregations, enabling them to bring the Kingdom of God to Avery County in ways that they could not achieve individually. Avery Habitat wants to send a special thank you to all the volunteers and Presbyterian Churches that continue to help make the dream of homeownership possible.



Kim Barnhardt from the Covenant Mission Team

Craig and Patricia Clark, along with their two children, 6-year-old Thomas and 1-year-old Sophia, are pleased to be the 2014 Presbyterian Build Partner Family!



Clarkie Brown with the Clark kids

AUTUMN MOUNTAIN CLASSIC

This fall, Grandfather Golf and Country Club of Linville, NC will host our second Autumn Mountain Classic, a charity golf tournament benefitting Avery



County Habitat for Humanity. As a private club, Grandfather is nestled within the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains and provides a picturesque tournament setting. Beneath its colorful tree line lays Grandfather's 18-hole course, recently named one of America's 100 Greatest Courses for 2013/2014 by Golf Digest. We want to personally thank Grandfather Golf and Country Club for allowing us to use their beautiful facilities.

GET INVOLVED

Interested in volunteering your time, gifts, & resources? ACHFH has many opportunities to plug you in:

- **Become a Family Support Mentor**
 - Provide our partner families with support and encouragement throughout our program
- **Volunteer at the ACHFH ReStore**
 - Organizing, pricing, & customer service
- **Volunteer on the Construction Site**
 - Opportunities from footers to shingles, and everything in between
- **Contribute Financial Support**
 - Put directly towards our efforts to provide safe, energy efficient homes in our local community

For more information on any of these opportunities, please contact us at info@averycohfh.org or (828) 733-1909.

“MAKING YOU LAUGH ON HABITAT’S BEHALF”



Mrs. Barbara Miller Whitton, Jeanne Robertson and Jim Whitton

Turning 70 years young this year, Jeanne Robertson charmed an audience of more than 500 people at Hayes Auditorium on the campus of Lees-McRae College back in August. Hu-

morist, Jeanne Robertson said her husband is a left brain person and insists on order in life. Jeanne said she is a right brain person and order to her means a cheeseburger and fries!

This event was by far the best fundraiser for Avery County Habitat for Humanity. The night wouldn't have been possible without Mrs. Barbara Miller Whitton who so graciously sponsored the event with all proceeds going directly toward the mission of Avery County Habitat for Humanity.

We are so grateful for everyone who came out in support of our organization and, of course, we are forever grateful for people like Mrs. Whitton who not only changed lives but communities.



Tom Allison-ACHFH Board President, Humorist Jeanne Robertson, Jordan Slagle-ACHFH Development Director and Terry Woodruff- ACHFH Executive Director

Hope for future families

A safe place to call a home. A place to enjoy family and community. A yard for children to play. A well-designed energy efficient home for a growing family. These are the things we simply want for our partner families. In order to do these things we need your help.

Currently, we build three homes per year. To continue our current building we need your help. This special need includes funding for two specific projects.

First, we are planning to build a Family Housing and Education Center. We are in the process of acquiring land behind our ReStore in Newland for the site. We have outgrown our office space located in the Milford Meadows subdivision in the Gilmer Community Center. This center will continue to serve our volunteer groups and partner families in the future.

Secondly, we are in need of ReStore improvements, vehicles and equipment. Our ReStore is growing each day, with donation pickups being the primary responsibility. We are currently in need of a new Hicube ReStore Van in order to make necessary pickups of donations. The ReStore is a great asset to our organization and we hope that it will continue to grow with your help. In 2013-2014 the ReStore's net proceeds exceeded \$40,000. This revenue is used directly for home construction efforts. Other ReStore improvements include paving the parking lot, building a vestibule on the front, electrical improvements and lighting installations. We also need a 4X4 truck for our construction manager.

The need is great. The goal is \$200,000 and we have already raised \$24,750 of the goal! Will you help us with these operational needs in order to continue our mission? Avery County Habitat for Humanity is helping to break the cycle of poverty and inadequate housing by providing families with a safe place to live. Become part of Avery County Habitat for Humanity's story today.

To learn more, please call Jordan Slagle at 828-733-1909 or email her at slaglej@averycofhf.org.

A HOUSE BUILT BY SUPERHEROES!



This drawing is by Thomas Clark, age 6, who has been extra excited over the construction of his new home. He believes our volunteers are his superheroes!

NEW PARTNER FAMILIES



Follensbee Family: Roxanne along with her two children, Brian & Bailey, currently live in an old home. They have worked to improve their current residence, but the list of improvements is too much. They fight against mold, mildew and poor insulation. By purchasing an Energy Star & System

Vision certified Habitat Home, air quality will no longer be a detriment to their health. Roxanne currently works at Sugar Mountain as the Café Manager. Their home will be in the Milford Meadows Community of Elk Park.



Clawson Family: Brandon and Brandy, along with their children Alexia and Leighton, were approved as a Habitat Partner Family this fall. They are currently renting an existing Habitat home with the intent to buy it once they get all of their sweat equity hours done. Their previous living conditions consisted of mildew, poor insulation and electric heat-

ers. Their new home will be a much safer place, with air quality no longer being a detriment to their health. Brandon has worked with New River Building Supply for 9 years now while Brandy is a stay at home mom. We welcome the Clawson family to the Milford Meadows Community!



HOME & GARDEN TOUR



This September, Avery County Habitat for Humanity hosted its second Home & Garden Tour in the historic Crossnore area.

Nearly 200 guests toured four beautiful estates within Crossnore, ranging from a Victorian style home to Clotta Smith's elaborate gardens. Each of the homes, in their own unique way, celebrates the beauty and heritage of the Appalachian Mountains. Avery County Habitat wishes to express its sincere gratitude to each of the homeowners for their generosity and kindness, as well as to those who attended. Also, we want to express a special thank you to Carla Chamblee and Laura Carringer for putting together our Home & Garden Tour. We are very grateful for your hard work and continued support of our ministry.



ReStore



Donate or purchase furniture, appliances, house wares, building materials, antiques, automobiles, campers, or boats.

**Tuesday – Saturday
9am-5pm**

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All donations are 100% tax deductible

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