

The Home Front

Annual Report 2015-2016



Help Habitat Families Achieve the American Dream!

This holiday season is special for the Martin family – Romonica and Donell and their children: Shymonte, 11, and Donell Jr., 2. This will be their first holiday season in their new home.

The Martins began the Habitat homeownership program in spring 2015. During that time life threw them a few curveballs, but they continued working toward their goal of owning a home.

With two working adults, the Martins needed a second car. Just days after the Martins purchased their car it was hit by an uninsured driver. The damage left the car unable to be driven and the Martins had to leave the car parked for seven months while they saved up the money for the repairs.

They juggled two full-time jobs, children, and busy schedules to complete the Habitat homeownership process which includes financial education, various classes, construction hours, and volunteer hours. Romonica got rides and regularly rode the bus to and from work and to fulfill the family's Habitat requirements.

Their perseverance has paid off. Last December, the Martins were able to get their car back on the road and volunteers worked alongside the Martins to raise the walls of their future home, amid rain and snow. Finally, in June, they closed on the house and moved in. Like all other Habitat homeowners, they make monthly mortgage payments that allow us to help more families.

*"I am still in disbelief," Romonica said. "But if I had to do it all over again, I would. Habitat is such a great program, and I've actually referred several more people. Some people I talk to say they're not ready. I didn't think I was ready, either, but the people at Habitat showed me I could do it. **You have to work for it, but it is worth it.**"*

In this busy season, we often forget that so many others struggle to afford things we may take for granted, like buying a home or paying for a major car repair. A Habitat home is a strong foundation for families – an opportunity to build a better, healthier, and more financially stable life.

In this season of giving, please add Habitat Forsyth to your giving list!

Thank you,

Michael E. Campbell

P.S. Consider monthly giving - your donation of \$20 a month allows us to continue our important work of helping families like the Martins help themselves. Everyone deserves a decent place to live and everyone can do something today to help make that possible for another family.



Romonica and Donell Martin with their children, Donell, Jr. and Shymonte

Celebrate the Holidays with Habitat!

For a small donation, gift either a handcrafted ornament (\$25) made by our volunteer woodworking crew or a holiday card (\$5) designed by the child of a Habitat homeowner. To donate and have a gift sent to a friend or loved one, contact Libbie Mayr at 336.306.8424 or libbie.mayr@habitatforsyth.org.



2015-2016 By the Numbers

4 Number of stars received from Charity Navigator, America's leading independent charity evaluator. The rating means Habitat Forsyth is "excellent" in areas such as financial health, accountability and transparency.

35 Number of families in Forsyth County who benefited from a Habitat project, including new construction, repairs, remodels, or home preservation.

136 Number of families in Central America who have benefited from Habitat Forsyth's tithes since 1985.

450 Total number of families served by Habitat Forsyth since its founding in 1985 through June 30, 2016.

655 Number of completions from approved families, partner families and the general public who took classes in home maintenance, financial education, and other required and elective course offerings.

\$133,482 Gift-in-kind donations of services and materials for construction.

\$285,267 Property taxes paid by Habitat homeowners, based on outstanding loans.

\$880,892 Loan payments from Habitat homeowners.

\$1,012,935 Value of 4,668 volunteers completing 46,295 hours of service.

\$1,186,019 Donations and grants to Habitat, including the Building Fund and the Jimmy Johnson Volunteer Lodge.

BB&T Challenge Initiative

We were thrilled to receive the largest gift in our 31-year history: the BB&T Challenge Initiative. This challenge grant will provide \$750,000 – \$25,000 per Habitat house, for a total of 30 homes – over three years, which will increase the stability of the Boston-Thurmond community and schools.

Of course, that's where you – our supporters – come in! In order to take full advantage of the BB&T Challenge, we need to raise the remaining \$40,000 per house. We look forward to an exciting 2016-2017 year as we work toward these important goals.

\$25,000



\$40,000

Community/
Corporate
Support



\$65,000

Habitat home
for a family
to purchase

\$250,00



\$400,000

Habitat must raise
from the



**10
homes**

× three years



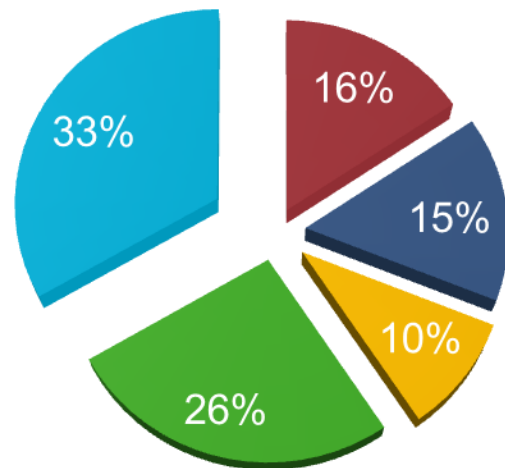
**New homeownership opportunities
for families in the Habitat homeownership
program.**

See our Complete List of Donors for 2015-2016

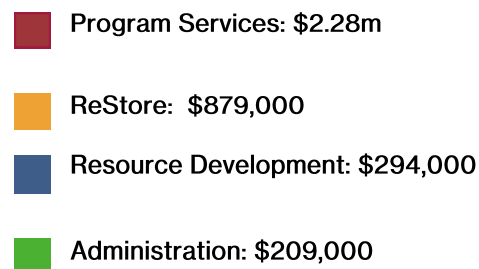
We greatly appreciate ALL of our donors, and we are always looking for ways to be good stewards of your gifts. For that reason, we have elected not to spend the funds on printing and postage that we have in the past to list all of our donors' names.

A complete list is on our website at habitatforsyth.org.

Revenues 2015-2016



Expenses 2015-2016



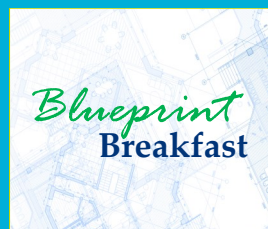
Mark Your Calendar for These Events in 2017



Habitat Young Professionals
Event
March 10, 2017



Hammerbird 5K
April 22, 2017



Blueprint Breakfast
September 20, 2017



Drive One for Habitat
Golf Tournament
October 13, 2017