

Test Your Knowledge

1: The word “kosher” means:

- A. blessed by a Rabbi
- B. food that is sold, cooked, or eaten satisfying the requirements of Jewish law
- C. food cooked by a Rabbi
- D. proper manners for Jewish families

2. Behind Christianity, what is the second largest religion represented in Winston-Salem?

- A: Buddhist
- B: Islam
- C: Unaffiliated
- D: Judaism

3: This church was born from a merger between two Baptist churches.

- A: First Baptist Church on Fifth
- B: United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church
- C: Knollwood Baptist Church
- D: Friendship Baptist Church

4: Which is the largest Christian denomination in Winston-Salem?

- A: Catholic
- B: Moravian
- C: Baptist
- D: Presbyterian

1. A, B or D; 2. B; 3. B; 4. C
Answers:

Quizzes like the one above are the starting point for warm, lively interfaith dialogues taking place each month as part of the **Habitat Faith Build**.



Yvette Lovett Martin, Joel Saahir, Wayne Bills



Brenda Sloan and Bob Setzer

Building on a Foundation of Faith

In 2017, congregations from the Protestant, Jewish, Muslim and Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints faiths came together to raise money for and build two houses for local families. The experience culminated with an emotionally moving multi-faith dedication ceremony in December.

The 2018 Faith Build kicks off March 8, with a goal of funding two houses. The build provides a way for any faith organization to be involved, regardless of its size or resources. Directly contributing funds, sending volunteers to the build sites, holding a fundraising event, or providing lunch for volunteers at the work site are just a few ways in which Faith Build members can participate.

As those who have been through the process will tell you, building relationships is just as important as building houses.

Organizations take turns hosting monthly discussions over breakfast. “It’s an opportunity for everyone to learn about everyone else, and to come together to break bread in a relaxed setting,” said Iman **Joel Saahir** of the Masjid Al-Muminun mosque. “We have far more in common than we have differences. We are all created by God.”

The learning experiences have been “phenomenal,” said **Brenda Sloan**, a

member of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. “We get to ask questions about religious practices, share our views, and even have tours of some religious venues. We feel comfortable inquiring about the religious unknowns, with an accepting audience that welcomes our queries.”

“You realize how many assumptions you may have made about other faiths,” said **Yvette Lovett Martin**, executive pastor of United Metropolitan. “When you hear more about what their beliefs actually are, they may not be what you thought.”

Some are surprised, she said, at the diversity among churches within the Baptist faith. “Our doctrines are essentially the same, but our practices and styles of worship can be very different. You can stay within the denomination but still have many choices as to how you worship.”

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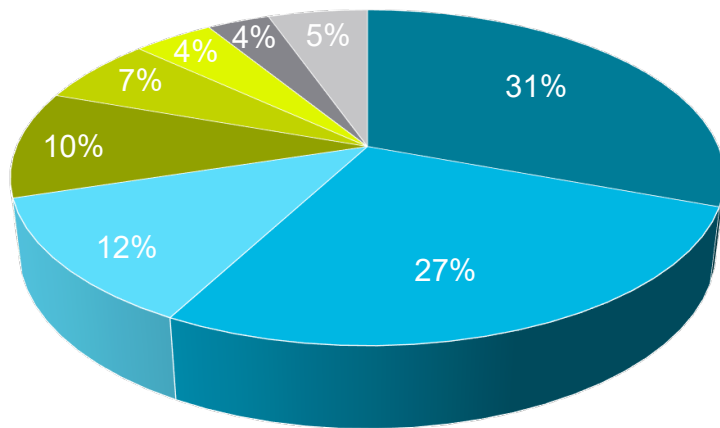
For more information about Faith Build 2018, contact Pam Anglin at pam.anglin@habitatforsyth.org or 336.306.8418.

The kick-off meeting on was held Thursday, March 8, 8:30 a.m.

Look for information on monthly meetings to come!

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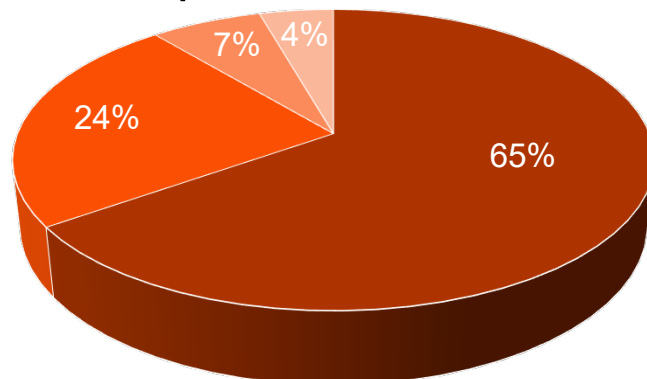
Revenues 2016-2017



ReStore Sales:	\$1.35m
Sales of Homes/Mortgages:	\$1.20m
House Sponsorships:	\$545,078
Contributions/Events:	\$454,315
Government Contracts:	\$285,164
City of Winston-Salem, SystemVision, HUD Home Funds	
Grants:	\$191,468
Gifts-in-kind:	\$149,442
Other:	\$237,591

Program Services:	\$2.97m
Construction, training, volunteer, family services	
ReStore:	\$1.08m
Resource Development:	\$302,442
Marketing, events, fundraising, volunteer engagement	
Administration:	\$201,324

Expenses 2016-2017



Faith Build, cont'd from previous page

Visitors to the three mosques in Winston-Salem will notice differences among their congregations as well, Saahir said. "In Islam, culture is mixed in with religion. If you come to our house of worship, you will see a different style of head wrap than in the other mosques. I am from Chicago, and I dress like an American. Another person of Islamic faith may be from another culture or country, and so they will dress accordingly."

Wayne Bills, a leader in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said sharing information with people of diverse faiths is something to be embraced. "Some people may fear it will cause doubts. Sometimes we are afraid of what we don't know. But these discussions help

break down that fear and can actually strengthen one's faith."

Bob Setzer, pastor of Knollwood Baptist Church, said that the church felt particularly strongly about joining the Faith Build in the aftermath of the shootings at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston. "We wanted to engage with our African-American brothers and sisters in Winston-Salem. The Habitat Faith Build provided a perfect vehicle for building those relationships. And the fact that homeowners invest sweat equity in their homes and pay for them over time represents an effective, sustainable model for helping to break the cycle of poverty."



A prayer chain concluded the Faith Build 2017 dedication ceremony.

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57,678

hours of service



4,079

volunteers



142

families served in
Central America
through Habitat
Forsyth since
1985



15

homes
preserved
or repaired



14

new homeowners

\$301,203

property taxes paid by
Habitat homeowners,
based on outstanding loans

150

 individuals attended
one or more classes covering

58

 topics

6,200

donation pickups
completed by
Forsyth County
ReStores



12

 mortgages paid off

Fiscal Year 2017 was our first BB&T Challenge year! Because of this generous contribution, 10 families now live in a decent and affordable home.

The BB&T Challenge Initiative is the largest gift in Habitat Forsyth's 32-year history and provides \$750,000 over three years—or \$25,000 per house for 30 houses.

“BB&T believes that an investment into the safe, affordable housing that Habitat provides has lifelong positive impacts for the families they serve by creating stability, fostering education success, and promoting good health. We challenge businesses, organizations, and individuals to join us in partnering with Habitat Forsyth to strengthen the community.”

-Cantey Alexander, Triad Regional President, BB&T



Henry Steptoe, Tom Ford, Garry

program, which helps veterans who qualify become Habitat homeowners, and provides home repairs for veterans who already own homes but are unable to afford necessary improvements.

Owning a Habitat house has been a life-changing experience, said **Garry Teel**, a Navy veteran who moved into his home in 2014 after years of living in substandard apartments. “We were paying more in rent than we pay for our mortgage now. I recommend Habitat to a lot of people. I tell them to at least go over there and TRY.”

Tom Ford, who served in the Army from 1966 to 1968, said:

“Everybody I’ve met at Habitat is professional and personable. ... When I’m around Habitat, I feel that I’m rubbing elbows with Christ.”

Empowering veterans

Henry Steptoe has mostly good memories of his three years of active duty in the Marine Corps. But it was also during that time that he was introduced to alcohol. “I didn’t know then that it would have me tied up for 30 years,” he said. “I’m five years clean now. It was Veterans Helping Veterans Heal that referred me to Habitat.”

Through Habitat’s Veterans Homeownership Program, Steptoe was able to qualify for a Habitat home. Like other Habitat families, he spent 300 hours volunteering on build sites and taking a range of classes on homeownership, budgeting and finance, maintenance, and home repairs. “I still like to go out and participate. Now it’s out of gratitude and giving back. Habitat is going to be a lifelong thing for me.”

He and several other veteran homeowners are now helping Habitat spread the word about its special programs for veterans. Habitat Forsyth recently became one of 100 affiliates nationwide participating in the Veterans Build

Tiffany Smith served two years as a military police officer in the Air Force and two years in the National Guard. She said her experience in the service was positive – but her seven years of renting an apartment afterward was less than ideal. “I was looking at renting a house, but actually owning one was far from my mind.”

Then Smith learned of the Habitat veterans program and decided to apply. She and her daughter Aaliyah, 5, moved into their Habitat home this past spring. “It is so nice to say this is MINE,” she said. “There is no one above me or below me, and my daughter has a yard to play in. I tell others they should definitely go for a Habitat house.”

Habitat will host “The 4-1-1 on VA Benefits,” an information session about Habitat’s program as well as how to access VA benefits in general, on March 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information about this event, call 336.306.8433

Reggie Cannady

Son of homeowner Bonita Murphy



Reggie, wife Kim, and son Miles

We love catching up with our homeowners – and particularly hearing about what their kids are doing now. So we were delighted to learn that **Reggie Cannady**, son of homeowner **Bonita Murphy**, is doing a postdoctoral fellowship at the Medical School of the University of South Carolina in Charleston! Reggie, who earned his

doctorate in neuroscience and neurobiology from UNC in 2013, is conducting research on how the brain responds during an alcoholic's withdrawal period.

"Drinking is a huge problem, costing society billions of dollars," he said. "There are a few medications that help with withdrawal symptoms, but they are not always effective, and they can have side effects. The goal of my research is to bring more treatment options to the market."

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Reggie has fond memories of when he and his family came through the Habitat program in the mid-90s. My mom really, really wanted to own a house, and she was so proud to have it. I definitely enjoyed having my own space in a fresh, new house and knowing that we would

not move any more. Just having that peace of mind, your own little slice of the earth, gives you a sense of stability that is really nice."

Reggie graduated from Carver High School and went on to Fayetteville State University. While there, he became part of the Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) program, which exposed him to in-depth laboratory research. He realized he had found his calling, and after graduating from FSU, he joined a Duke University Medical School research laboratory that studies the neurobiology of cognition and addiction. After two years there, he went on to UNC to work on his doctorate.

Owning a home is definitely a goal for Reggie and his wife, who are parents to a 1-year old son, but while he completes his post doctorate in the expensive area of Charleston, they are renting. "I've done some volunteering for Habitat and we have donated items to the ReStore," he said. "I am grateful for Habitat and I am definitely a fan of its mission."

ReStore donation makes a lasting difference

Not long after becoming the building manager for the apartments in the R.J. Reynolds Building, **Dalton Faulds** was confronted with an interesting challenge. Some residents were moving out at the end of their leases, leaving behind very nice furniture and even items such as custom-built closets and sliding doors.

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Along with young professionals and empty nesters, many of the residents who live in the iconic former Reynolds headquarters use it as a second home, he said. Some may live in the apartment only one week a month because

their jobs require them to travel here, but they continue to maintain a primary residence in another state. While here, they enjoy the same amenities as the guests of the Kimpton Cardinal Hotel, which occupies floors two through six: valet parking, workout facilities, afternoon wine and hors d'oeuvres, and the magnificently restored common spaces.

Once their time in Winston-Salem ends, though, it may not be cost-effective for these residents to move their furniture several states away. Still, Faulds said, he was amazed at what they were leaving behind. "Most of them didn't even tell us they were leaving these items or ask us if it was OK," he said.

Then someone working in the building remembered that the Habitat ReStore had picked up leftover building supplies when the historic building's restoration was complete. Faulds called the ReStore and – several truckloads later – many left-behind items have found new homes.

"Working with the ReStore is so convenient, and the communication is great. The employees are so nice and amazing to work with. It's such a smooth and easy process," he said.

Most important, revenue from the ReStore helps Habitat build, remodel, and repair homes for local families. "It's a nice way for us to give back to the community," Faulds said. "Some of our current residents call the ReStore, too, when they have items to be picked up, and many of them want to be more involved in the community."



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