

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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Family Selection Process

By Kathie Malarkey



“What’s the process for selecting families for a Habitat house” is one of the most common questions we receive. Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta (HfHNA) has ongoing efforts throughout the year to search for qualified homeowners—there is no restricted window for applying.

We place ads in the local paper and in our monthly newsletter, an application is on our web site; and we also participate throughout the year in community events and communicate with local churches to further our efforts in soliciting applications. In recent years, approximately 15 applications are received each year. The applications go through a screening by the Family Selection Committee, then a further screening by our mortgage servicing and financial counseling partner at Security Federal Bank.

The qualified families are selected based primarily on need. Next, our family partner must have a decent credit rating and be able to afford the mortgage payment (which is a zero percent interest mortgage

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Team Red White and Blue

Team Red White and Blue better known as Team RWB, is a nonprofit organization devoted to enriching the lives of American Veterans. Their focus is on connecting veterans to their community through physical and social activities.



Team RWB is made up of active duty service members, family members and veterans from all service branches along with civilian advisers. The Augusta Chapter is very active in the community with participation in numerous volunteer activities. “We are always looking for new ways to volunteer and get involved” says Captain Victoria Wilson, the team’s Social Director. Cpt. Wilson initially heard about the opportunity to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta through the Fort Gordon Volunteer newsletter. She then reached out to HFHNA’s Directors and “came out to help build a house”. Pictured above are (left to right) Jennel Voeller, Kristine Fauser, Woody Yo, Tyler Ferrick, and Jackson Murray, in front, of Team RWB.

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held by us). They also must be willing to work a required number of hours, based on family size, on their house—sweat equity.

The Family Selection Committee Chair and one or two other board members make home visits to each qualified applicant and determine who has the biggest need based on home conditions.

Recommendations are made to the board and a vote is taken to determine the next owner/partner. Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta, in concert with our sponsors and donors, are always looking for a family living in sub-standard conditions to move into a decent and affordable house.

Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta is currently accepting applications from potential Partner Families for house number 17. For additional information about eligibility go to:

www.HFHNA.org

House number 16 Partner Family

Hard work is a central theme in any Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta project. The organization does not give homes away; it gives help to those willing to do their share. All Partner Families are required to provide as much as 500 sweat equity hours and meet homeowner eligibility requirements to qualify as a candidate.



Our next homeowner, Toronda Weaver is certainly eager to do her part. She works alongside other volunteers at the building site providing sweat equity. From painting the cement block foundation to hammering nails, Toronda helps the other volunteers wherever she can to make the dream of owning her own home come true.

Toronda has a full plate. She has a 9 year old daughter, Tiyana, and a 6 year old son, Chartavious. She is a member of Walk of Faith Holiness Church of Johnston, SC where she volunteers as a cheerleading coach in her spare

time. Since 2007, Toronda has worked at Urban Outfitters full time while attending classes pursuing a Medical Office Administration Certificate at Virginia College; she is currently in her second semester. Originally from Greenwood, SC, Toronda attended Johnson Elementary, Jet Middle School & Strom Thurmond High in Edgefield, and graduated from Emerald High School Greenwood

Message from the President

By Tom Ellers



2014 is now in the history books and I want to publicly thank all of our sponsors, major contributors, donors and lunch partners (see pages 5 and 6) for supporting the Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta Ministry throughout the year. Supporting us directly supports the community we all live in and helps a family in need to live a better life and generally become a better citizen.

The year began with significant challenges in property to build on and donations to build with. Thanks to your support, we have finished strong. Our 16th house, which we broke ground on 7 November, has progressed ahead of expectations. We are waiting for the roof shingles to be installed and expect to have windows and doors completed by the end of January. It would not be possible without your support.

Thank-you all and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year from Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta.

Our Vision

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Our Mission Statement

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

PHOTO GALERY



Tom Horn (on right) and other volunteers from Mount Vintage Plantation hoisting the roof joists on a cold Monday morning



The roof supports being erected guided in place by Ben Hills



Roof supports and front porch ready for the next phase



Volunteers poised and ready



Jennel Voeller and Kristina Fauser of Team Red White and Blue

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By supporting Habitat for Humanity-North Augusta, you will have helped by making a significant difference in the lives of Habitat families, not only in your community, but also around the world. On behalf of these individuals, we sincerely thank you for your contribution.

If you would like to become a Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta Sponsor please contact Don Evans for more information:

Habitat for Humanity – North Augusta

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Click here for more information on donating:
<http://hfhna.org/donate/>



HFHNA is an all volunteer organization. All housing projects are completed with the help of community volunteers and donor contribution of construction supplies and other needed goods and services.

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