

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta Board Member Retires from PotashCorp



Ceil Polk

PotashCorp, who has donated over \$800,000 to multiple charitable organizations in the CSRA in 2014, remains one of Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta's largest contributing supporters. In addition

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Myths (and facts) about Habitat for Humanity

Myth: Habitat for Humanity gives houses away to poor people.

Fact: Habitat for Humanity offers homeownership opportunities to families who are unable to obtain conventional house financing. Generally, this includes those whose income is 30 to 50 percent of the area's median income. In most cases, prospective Habitat homeowner families make a \$500 down payment. Additionally, they contribute 300 to 500 hours of "sweat equity" on the construction of their home or someone else's home. Because Habitat houses are built using donations of land, material and labor, mortgage payments are kept affordable.

Myth: Habitat for Humanity was founded by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter after leaving office in 1981.

Fact: Habitat was started in 1976 in Americus, Ga., by the late [Millard Fuller](#) and his wife [Linda](#). [President Carter](#) and his wife Rosalynn (whose home is eight miles from Americus, in Plains, Ga.), have been longtime Habitat supporters and volunteers who help bring national attention to the organization's house-building work. Each year, they lead the [Jimmy Carter Work Project](#) to help build houses and raise awareness of the need for affordable housing.

If you are interested in being considered as a potential HFHNA House Number 17 Partner, you may complete an application online at www.HFHNA.org

Call (803) 613-0305 for an application

to their generous financial support, PotashCorp continues to support HFHNA by membership on the HFHNA Board of Directors.

Ceil Polk has been a participating volunteer of HFHNA for many years and has served as a member of the Board since 2013.

Ceil has elected to retire from PotashCorp effective in March of this year. She has been with PotashCorp Augusta facility for 36 years and currently holds the title of Human Resource Manager. She is a long time native of the CSRA and graduated from North Augusta High School.

PotashCorp has reached many Safety milestones at their facilities. The pursuit of "no harm" stems from their respect for people. Nothing they accomplish as a company is more important than returning their people home safely. They strive to create a culture that cares. Potash shares many of the same beliefs as Habitat in that Habitat works towards a world where everyone has a safe and decent place to live and they care. The value for safety and the caring nature that both organizations share has made a perfect fit for PotashCorp to continue their support of Habitat.

As Ceil said during our last meeting there were such nice compliments made of PotashCorp and our 2nd Annual Community Giving Day that I wanted to share with you a group photo of the organizations that were impacted by our contributions for 2014. I have been so blessed to work for a company that truly cares about the community in which the PotashCorp employees life and work.

We wish Ceil the very best as she begins a new phase in her life.



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Our Wonderful Donors

By Donald Evans, Development Director

Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta is totally dependent upon contributions from our wonderful donors. There are a wide variety of donors, with all being very important, allowing Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta to fulfill our mission of providing safe and affordable homes for needy, but very deserving families.

Many of our donors go unnoticed. For example, Dr. Wayne Yost donates office space and tool storage space and Lawyer Donald White does all our legal work. Security Federal Bank handles all our banking needs; all mortgage responsibilities on each HFHNA home, and provides personal financial counseling to all recipients of a Habitat home. The Church of Latter Day Saints provides us a meeting room for our monthly meetings. Numerous North Augusta restaurants provide our volunteer workers a free lunch on our work days. We have many volunteer workers that do the actual building of each home. We also have Mr. Ben Hills, certified home builder that donates his time each work day supervising all work to assure our homes meet every building code. All of these services are at no charge to us at Habitat.

In addition to the above donors, we have the more visible, wonderful organizations that donate building materials, labor, finish items for inside the homes, as well as cash donations. They are more visible because their donations go into the actual construction of our homes. PotashCorp., First Baptist of North Augusta, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, South Carolina Electric and Gas, Bridgestone, Greater Augusta Board of Realtors, Sertoma Club of N.A., Better Homes and Garden Executive Partners Real Estate Agency, N.A.2000, Lakeside Baptist Church, Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, are all major supporters of Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta. I cannot list all donors in this article as space does not allow. Please see a list of recent donors on pages 6 and 7. Small or large, we love all donations!!!! We at Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta are extremely grateful and thankful for all donations and for the wonderful people that make the donations possible. All of us at Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta thank you so very much.

PASSING OF THE BATON

By Gene Carline



Mary Fleiss is originally from St. Louis where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business (Accounting) from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She and her husband Doug have been residents of North Augusta for 32 years. They have one son, who lives in Virginia. Mary is an active member at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church where she serves on several committees and enjoys quilting as her hobby. Mary became the Treasurer for Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta in May 2006 and will be turning over those responsibilities to Buddy Hodges as of February 1, 2015. Mary has really enjoyed serving Habitat of North Augusta during this time, as she has been involved with the eighth through sixteenth homes built by this all-volunteer organization.



Buddy Hodges, pictured above, has agreed to assume the duties of HFHNA Treasurer effective February 1, 2015. Buddy was born in Oklahoma (a very long time ago) and grew up in Texas. He met his wife-to-be in high school, got married after college and now has two sons. Buddy graduated from the University of Houston (Mathematics) and studied Actuarial Science at Northeastern University.

Buddy moved to Mount Vintage in 2009. Prior to moving to North Augusta, he lived in the mountains of Western North Carolina (Sapphire) after he retired in 1998. Buddy spent his career in the insurance industry starting out in the actuarial field and moving into insurance operations. Buddy worked for Tennessee Life Insurance Company (15 yrs), Philadelphia Life Insurance Company (6 yrs) and The Life Insurance Company of Virginia (10 yrs). As Sr. Vice President of Insurance Operations, Buddy was responsible for all operations, from underwriting, claims, to systems and computer operations. He served on the Board of Directors for The Life Insurance Company of Virginia. After retiring in 1998, Buddy continued to consult for Transamerica Life Insurance Company, ING and the South African Insurance Group.

Outside of the work arena Buddy served on the Foundation Board for Transylvania Regional Hospital in Brevard, North Carolina. He also served on the HOA Board of Directors for Mount Vintage Plantation as well as the AD for Burlingame Country Club in North Carolina.

“We at Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta continue to build an experienced team to move towards our goals” per Tom Ellers, President.

PHOTO GALERY



Dan Bergholdt



Ed McCullah



Dan Webb and Dick Rosenlieb



Volunteers John Carr & Tim Szeliga



Ben Hills and Dan Webb coordinate the volunteers



Lee Pickett with Tom Ellers



Work continues on a very cold day



Volunteers from Team RWB



Ben Hills, Construction Foreman



Dan Webb and John Carr



Volunteerism puts smiles on everyone's face



John Carr and crew

Support Habitat for Humanity

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:

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Web Site: <http://hfhna.org/>

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.

Habitat for Humanity North Augusta Board of Directors:

Tom Ellers – President

Pat Bonsal – Vice-President

Buddy Hodges – Treasurer

Michelle Randrup – Secretary

Gene Carline – Chm, Community Relations

Kathie Malarkey – Chm, Family Selection

Lee Pickett – Chm, Family Support

Marlene Fernandes – Family Support Committee Member

Ben Hills – Co-Chm, Construction Committee

Mike Bone – Co-Chm, Construction Comm.

Rick Berry – Chm, Site Selection Comm.

Don Evans – Development Director

Dan Webb – Chm Volunteers

Pat Barfuss – Lunch Cmte

Wayne Moore – At Large

Ceil Polk – PotashCorp At Large

Upcoming Events

HFHNA Board meeting

7:00 March 3, 2015

SPONSORS



PotashCorp

Helping Nature Provide



Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC



The Estate of Kathryn H. Murphy

MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS

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D&L Siding

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Mike Pareyo

Virginia and Robert Kirkwood

Yale

Southeastern Laboratory Apparatus Inc.

Nick's Self Storage

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church and Ladies Crafters

HFHNA LUNCH PROVIDERS

B&J Buffet

BBQ BARN

Chick-Fil-A

Church of the Most Holy Trinity

Marco Pizza

Subway

Maurice's BBQ

Ming Yat

Monterrey Mexican restaurant

Papa John's

Pizza Hut

Ryan's Steak House

Sno-Cap Drive In

Subway

Teresa's Mexican restaurant

Wife Saver

Zaxby's

Casa de Pizza

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.

HFHNA is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian ministry that builds for people in need regardless of race or religion and we welcome volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds.

A HFHNA publication

Gene Carline, Editor