

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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House No. 16 Dedication July 24, 2015

By Gene Carline



It was a great day for Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta when we are able to dedicate and transfer the ownership of a completed new home to our Partner Family, the Weavers. Tom Ellers, President of Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta welcomed all the guests who were in attendance at the dedication ceremony on July 24th. Ms. Weaver's pastor, Evangelist Bonnie Stewart, offered the Invocation which was followed by the introduction of the Toronda Weaver family by Lee Pickett, long time Board member of HFHNA.

Following the introduction of the HFHNA Board members by Mr. Ellers, Don Evans, Development Chairman, made special recognition of all of House No. 16 Sponsors and Donors without whom this project would never have been completed. Edmond Thompson, General Manager of PotashCorp in Augusta during his remarks said "That the Sponsors are only a part of the equation. It takes the HFHNA Board, Donors and all of the volunteers to make something like this happen."

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1279 Knox. Ave – North Augusta, SC

Percentage Day

Sunday, August 23rd

11 AM – 3 PM

Benefitting

Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta

Bring all of your friends and family to enjoy some ice cream while supporting Bruster's and 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.

The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of the house keys to a very happy and grateful Toronda Weaver by Mr. Ellers and all of the attending Sponsors.



It should be noted that throughout each “build process” Security Federal has provided financial counseling to all of HFHNA’s partner families and administers all mortgages, for which we are eternally grateful. Ms. Roma Williams, representing Security Federal, was in attendance.

A bible was presented to the Weaver family by Rev. Jennie M. Hyatt who is a representative of the Estate of Kathryn H. Murphy which donated the property where the Weaver House is today.

Following the benediction by Evangelist Bonnie Stewart, The Judy Barns Women on Mission of First Baptist Church of North Augusta provided and served a bounty of refreshments which were enjoyed by all.

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

By Lee Pickett



The saying goes, “Patience is a Virtue”. If that is the case, Toronda Weaver is surely a testament to that saying. Toronda originally applied to Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta on March 19, 2013, for consideration as our next homeowner partner. After meeting eligibility requirements to include HUD income based guidelines, a decent credit rating, living in substandard housing conditions, having a steady income, and agreeing to perform “sweat equity”, applicants are recommended by the Family Selection Committee and selected by the HFHNA Board of Directors. On April 17, 2014, over one year later, Ms.

Weaver received the good news that she was selected as HFHNA’s next homeowner.

Sweat Equity requirements are computed on the number of family members over age 14. In Ms. Weaver’s case, since her household consisted of herself, and a daughter and son both under the age of 10, she personally would have to perform 120 sweat equity hours by the time construction of her home was completed. The remaining 80 hours may be performed by extended family, co-workers, friends and other volunteers. The first 50 of these hours must be performed prior to construction actually beginning. Toronda was certainly eager to do her part and completed her 50 hours by volunteering at Family Support Committee approved programs at her church, Walk of Faith Holiness Church in Johnston; volunteering as a cheerleading coach with the Edgefield County Parks and Recreation Department; and by attending financial counseling sessions offered by our partner, Security Federal Bank. With this step completed, and after numerous delays attributable to procuring land, groundbreaking was held on November 7, 2014.

Since that time, Ms. Weaver has worked alongside other volunteers at the building site to complete the remainder of her sweat equity requirement, often going into her full time job with Urban Outfitters as early as 5 am in order to make it to the building site to complete 3 or 4 more hours. From painting the cement block foundation to hammering nails, Toronda did her part to make the dream of owning her own home become a reality. Her testament to “Patience is a virtue” came to fruition over two years and four months from the date she submitted her application. Toronda Weaver became the proud owner of HFHNA’s house #16, receiving the keys to her beautiful home during dedication ceremonies on July 24, 2015.



Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta is honored to present to you, our newest homeowner, Toronda Weaver, and her children, 9 year old daughter, Tiyanina and 6 year old son, Chartavious.

PHOTO GALLERY

Dedication Ceremony for House No. 16



Tom Elles, President of HFHNA welcomes guests



Lee Pickett introduces the Weaver family



Rev. Jennie Hyatt presents a Bible to Toronda Weaver



Roma Williams makes a presentation to Toronda



Wayne Murphy and his wife Jennie accepted token of appreciate on behalf of the Kathryn H Murphy Estate



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 contact Don Evans for more information:

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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

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Lee Pickett – Chm, Family Support

Marlene Fernandes – Family Support Committee Member

Mike Bone – Chm, Construction Comm.

John Carr – Construction Cmte

Ben Hills – Construction Foreman

Rick Berry – Chm, Site Selection Comm.

Don Evans – Development Director

Katie P. – Church Development Committee Member

Dan Webb – Chm Volunteers

Pat Barfuss – Lunch Cmte

Wayne Moore – At Large

Upcoming Events

HFHNA Board meeting

7:00 September, 2015

SPONSORS



PotashCorp

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First Baptist Church
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Merging Faith And Life



[Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC](#)



The Estate of Kathryn H. Murphy

Ron Kaiser

Plumbers & Steamfitters Union of CSRA - Local 150

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North Augusta Evening Lions Club
Plumbers & Steamfitters Union of CSRA - Local 150
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
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Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church
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Whirlpool Corporation
Ralph Robinson
South Carolina Electric and Gas
Savannah River Remediation

HFHNA LUNCH PROVIDERS

B&J Buffet	Marco Pizza	Pot Smoker BBQ
BBQ Barn	Maurice's BBQ	Sno-Cap Drive In
Casa Di Pizza	Monterrey Mexican restaurant	Subway Food Lion Plaza
Chick-Fil-A	Our Lady of Peace	Teresa's Mexican Restaurant
Church of the Most Holy Trinity	Papa John's	Wife Saver
Gary's Hamburgers	Pizza Hut	Zaxby's
Jersey Mikes		Ryan's Steak House

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

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