

# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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## Habitat family - a success story more than six years later

By Scott Rodgers, Editor North Augusta Star

November 23, 2008, is a date that changed Donald Case's life forever.

That was the first day he moved into a home he helped build. It was thanks to Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta that he, along with his daughters Brianna and Katelynn, had a home of their own.

"My ex-wife and I were in the process of a divorce," he said. "They were living with me in a two-bedroom apartment with a friend of mine. They were staying in the same room I was. The house was a gift, and a huge blessing as far as them having their own rooms. Also, we had something of our own. I had never owned a home before, so that was definitely a new experience for me."

Case and his daughters had been in the house for a few years before his eventual wife Heather, along with her daughter, Skylar, also moved in about three years ago.

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Donald Case with Brianna and Katelynn

“Once they moved in, the house became a little bit more of a home,” he said. “It hadn’t been a home until they got here. We were also blessed with our son, Grayson, not long after. It was a life-changing experience. I went from just living day-to-day to having a home and wanting to be home.”

The Cases added their own personal touches, including one wall with measurements of their children as they grow up. At the end of July, after Katelynn’s birthday, each child is measured. This will be the fourth year they have done so.

“We were both single parents when we met each other,” Heather said. “We lived in North Augusta, and I work at a day care so it wasn’t like I was going to be able to own a home raising my daughter by myself. It was definitely a blessing for all of us. It’s something we work really hard to maintain with the four kids, the yard work, updates and maintenance costs. It takes all of us to keep this place running.”

Donald was able to help his niece, who was struggling with a few things in her life, and offer her a place to stay. Habitat gave him an opportunity when he was at his lowest. Thus far, he is the only single father who has been approved and had a home built through the program.

“I was going through a pretty heavy custody battle with my ex-wife,” he said. “It left me pretty much crippled financially with the expenses of the lawyer and everything else. It left me to a point where I wasn’t actually able to pay my mortgage the way I was supposed to. I actually got almost six months behind. Habitat was very flexible, and allowed me to pay extra each month until I got caught up. I’ve

been caught up for over a year now.”

Donald was quick to point out that there was also plenty of work that went into the home.

“It requires you not only to make efforts toward improving your finances and money handling, but you have to work physically on the house,” he said. “I worked on this house. I was here from the very beginning of the construction to the very end of it. That gives you a sense of ownership and love of the place rather than just moving into it. It’s one thing to receive a gift, but it’s another thing to feel that you’ve earned or invested yourself into it. I would recommend it to anybody who is looking to build or rebuild their lives. If they’re looking for a handout, this is not a place you want to be. It requires commitment, sacrifice and requires a certain love and effort to make it work.”

**For more information regarding an application for homeownership, or volunteer opportunities, visit [www.hfhna.org](http://www.hfhna.org).**

## Foundation Blocks donated by Bridgestone Americas Inc.

Paul Overstreet, Environmental Engineer at Bridgestone in Graniteville, S.C., offered Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta nearly 1,000 foundation blocks. They will be more than enough to build the foundation for house No. 17. HFHNA responded with a convoy of volunteers with five pickup trucks and three trailers in tow and arrived at the Bridgestone location on July 27<sup>th</sup> to transport the blocks to a HFHNA building site in North Augusta.



Volunteers from left to right include Gene Carline, Don Evans, Tom Ellers, Doug Shultz, Mike Bone, Rick Berry and Ben Hills. Paul Overstreet is standing to Mike Bone’s left

Contributions of building materials of all types are needed for HFHNA to complete their mission. Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta is grateful to Monica Key, HR/Community Relations, Paul Overstreet and Bridgestone Americas, Inc. for this most generous donation.

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Recognition is given to PotashCorp for their continued support of Habitat for Humanity of North Augusta. Pictured here are from left to right, Don Evans, Development Chairman - HFHNA, Edmond Thompson, General Manager – Potash Corp, Tom Ellers, President – HFHNA and Yvette Green – HR Manager for PotashCorp

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Nancy Gage, Marketing Manager for SRP Federal Credit Union presents Tom Ellers, President of HFHNA with a check for House No. 17.

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

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