



NEWSLINK

Habitat for Humanity was built on a foundation of faith.

The purpose of Habitat is to build safe, affordable housing, and that comes from a desire to put God's love into action. We are God's hands and feet here to serve others and show them His love.



Elisa, Logan & Little Nala

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After her divorce, Elisa, her two young boys and her mother, Marge, moved constantly from one rental to another, barely able to afford the rent that was sometimes over \$1,000. With no help from the boys' father, money was tight. Elisa said she wonders how they ever managed to pay the amount of rent they paid. Her mother said it seemed like they didn't have roots anymore.

Her younger son, who was having a difficult time with the divorce and moving from place to place, was struggling in school. The guidance counselor at his school, who was aware of their living situation, suggested Elisa apply to Habitat as a way to be able to afford a decent, stable home. Elisa is grateful to that guidance counselor and to the school for helping her children with clothing and food when she was having to spend most of the money she earned on rent.

She said she almost didn't fill out the Habitat application because "It sounded too good to be true." Once their application was approved, she said "The whole process was incredible. Putting in the hours of sweat equity was fun." Her older son helped and her mother babysat the younger son and helped paint. She smiled at the memory.

Elisa said she was so happy for the opportunity for her and her mother to own their own home and stop the cycle of renting houses they could barely afford. "Just getting a house with walls was enough," she said.

Then she was able to pick the lighting fixtures and there were appliances, a shed, a trash can, even a garden hose. "They thought of everything," she said.

They moved into the house in 2011. Elisa, Marge and the boys finally had a home. The stability of a permanent home and the community neighborhood helped her younger son settle down and do better at school. He even discovered friends from school living in Habitat homes in the same neighborhood. The boys, now grown and living on their own, maintain the friendships they made there. Brendon, her oldest son, graduated from NC State and now works as a Business Analyst in Raleigh. Logan, her youngest son, lives nearby and works as an Independent Sales Consultant.

Elisa is a professional gardener and had been working for a landscaping company. She recently started her own business. She also got married last June to a man who, amazingly, had a dog with the same name as her dog Nala. Now they call them Big Nala and Little Nala. The dogs have a large, fenced back yard and a doggy door.

The Habitat development of Shuey Knolls is a quiet neighborhood off Route 64 in Edneyville. Elisa and Marge's home sits on a large lot. The yard is immaculately maintained. Their home is beautifully decorated and well-cared for. "We love our house," Marge said. "It seems like a lifetime ago that things were so bad."

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We would love to visit your church to talk about Habitat for Humanity and answer any questions you might have. Please call us to arrange a visit from our church liaison, Angie Hunter, (828) 694-0340.

Thrivent Faith Build Update

The following churches have signed on for the 2019 Thrivent Faith Build Project. It's not too late to join! We need several more churches to participate in this project. Please call Angie Hunter at 828 694-0340 to find out how your church can become a part of this wonderful experience. It's an opportunity to make a significant, lasting difference in the lives of a local family in need of a decent, safe, secure home. And it's a great way to strengthen community in your congregation.

First Baptist Church, Hendersonville
First Congregational Church
First United Methodist Church
Fletcher Seventh Day Adventist Church
Grace Lutheran Church
Hendersonville Presbyterian Church
Hope United Methodist Church
Mills River Presbyterian Church
Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church
Trinity Lutheran Church
Trinity Presbyterian Church
and
AdventHealth

ReStores Support Habitat for Humanity

The first Habitat ReStore opened 25 years ago in Winnipeg, Canada. These days, proceeds from over 930 stores support Habitat affiliates building homes in local communities. Two ReStores on the corner of Washington and Barnwell Streets in Hendersonville, and the ReStore in Fletcher, support Henderson County Habitat for Humanity.

The Restores are always accepting items in good working, re-sellable condition (tools, appliances, furniture, artwork, home decor, linens, puzzles, household goods, paint, lumber, etc.). The Restore will pick up your large donated items. To schedule a pick-up, call **828-696-9524**. Otherwise, visit the Restores and drop off your donations Tuesday-Friday 9-5 and Saturday 9-4.

And take time to shop in the ReStores. You can find useful items and unexpected treasures.

For more information visit:

www.habitat-hvl.org/restore/

If you know of someone else who might want to receive this newsletter, please let us know by emailing: jsloan@habitat-hvl.org.

Opportunities for Your Congregation to Serve

Volunteer

Habitat always needs volunteers to help build and repair homes.

Group Builds

A team from your church can have a build day when you all build together!

Feed Your Building Team

Prepare food to feed your building team or another building team.

Help Fund Habitat Homes and Programs

Your church or church group can donate funds.

Youth Group Projects

Your Youth Group can raise funds to cover the cost of building materials. Any amount is helpful. (\$40 will buy a box of nails. \$150 will buy a door.)

Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 as a grassroots effort on a community farm in southern Georgia. The Christian housing organization has grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in communities across all 50 states in the U.S., and in more than 70 countries. More than 22 million people have secured new or improved housing through Habitat since the organization was founded.

Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers, then pay an affordable mortgage.

Through financial support, volunteering, or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives.

Henderson County Habitat for Humanity, founded in 1989, is an affiliate of Habitat International. Each affiliate is responsible for securing their own funding and running their own housing programs.

Henderson County Habitat needs your support. Make a financial contribution. Shop in the ReStores. Donate building supplies, furniture, appliances and household goods in decent condition to the ReStores. Become a Habitat volunteer and help build, work in a ReStore or help with Homeowner Services. For more information about how to make a difference in your community, visit: www.habitat-hvl.org, call us at **(828) 694-0340**, or send a contribution to: **H.C. Habitat for Humanity, 1111 Keith Street Hendersonville, NC 28792.**