



NEWSLINK

We build affordable homes on the foundation of Christian love, where families are provided a secure environment and together a community is established.

Thrivent Builds

An Opportunity for Your Congregation to Help Make a Lasting Difference in the Life of a Local Family



Thrivent Financial sponsors Habitat homes all over the country. The WNC Thrivent Team has sponsored homes with Henderson County Habitat for the past three years. We are grateful to the 12 local churches and Park Ridge/Advent Health who joined together with Thrivent to build a home with a Habitat family in 2018:

First United Methodist Church, Hendersonville, Fletcher Seventh Day Adventist Church
Grace Lutheran Church, First Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Hendersonville Presbyterian Church
Hendersonville Seventh Day Adventist Church, Hope United Methodist Church
Mills River United Methodist Church, Mills River Presbyterian Church, Reformation Presbyterian Church,
Trinity Lutheran Church, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hendersonville

Thrivent is sponsoring a home for a Habitat family again in 2019. **Your congregation can be a part of this wonderful opportunity to make a significant, lasting difference that will positively impact the lives of members of a local family for years to come.** Call Angie Hunter at 828 694-0340 to find out how your church can participate in this year's home build and sign up for the information session to be held on February 12th at 10:00 AM in the Community Center at Dodd Meadows.

Henderson County Habitat for Humanity 1111 Keith Street Hendersonville NC 28792
www.habitat-hvl.org 828 694-0340



The Habitat Community of Dodd Meadows, located off Blue Ridge and Crest Roads in East Flat Rock, received the **Housing North Carolina Award for Excellence** in affordable single family housing in 2017. The award honors the best in affordability, design, sustainability, community contribution, resident services and creative partnerships. Dodd Meadows was chosen because of its unique features and amenities offered to low-income families and because it serves the lowest income population among other developments in our state. The average income of Dodd Meadows residents is 53% of the area's median income. Sale prices are reduced as needed to ensure housing costs do not exceed 30% of the homeowner's income.

When the neighborhood is completed, it will be home to 114 low-income families including 300-350 children. Sixty families are now living in their new home with 12 additional homes currently under construction. Amenities include a community center, a playground and a common garden area and there are plans for walking trails and a second playground.

Research shows that owning a decent home in a safe environment has significant benefits for families, including: providing security, bringing families closer together, improved health and greater community involvement. Children do better in school when they live in a secure environment and are more likely to continue their education past high school. An investment in Habitat not only solves the need for a family to have a decent, affordable place to live, it is also an investment in a family's future well-being.

Did You Know..?

Habitat for Humanity homeowners are selected locally with the criteria centering on their need for decent housing, their ability to repay an affordable mortgage and their willingness to partner with Habitat to build a place they can call home.

Future homeowners are required to perform hundreds of hours of "sweat equity". Sweat equity can include helping with the build of their own home or a home for another family, clean up of a building site, or working in a Habitat ReStore. They must also take classes that include learning how to manage finances and basic home maintenance, and home repair.

Opportunities for Your Congregation to Serve

Volunteer to Help Build Homes

Habitat always needs volunteers to help build.

Group Builds

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

Feed Your Building Team

People who don't want to build can prepare food to feed your building team.

Help Fund Habitat Homes and Programs

Your church or church group can donate funds to help purchase building supplies for new homes or repairs.

Visit www.habitat-hvl.org or call 828 694-0340