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*Offering a Hand Up  
Not a Hand Out*

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**Habitat's Mission**

Guided by Christian principles in partnership with people of all faiths from all walks of life, Habitat of Humanity of Pitt County transforms lives, families, and communities through building affordable homes while creating opportunities for responsible homeownership.

"All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need."  
-Acts 2:44-45 (NIV)

**Habitat of Pitt County Celebrates Its 57th Home Dedication**

Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> marked the dedication of the 57<sup>th</sup> Habitat for Humanity home in Pitt County with Terence and Teresa Clemons and their children as our newest homeowners. The event was attended by current and future homeowners, volunteers, Habitat Board members, staff, representatives from home sponsor First Mortgage Corp and a bus load from one of Terence's places of employment and biggest supporters First Presbyterian Church!

A surprise guest, Frances Mallison, presented the Clemons with a picture of her grandparent's house from 1939 which had been on the Clemons lot until it was taken down sometime in the 1970's. Ms. Mallison had been unaware of the connection until she had been volunteering on a job site, had met the Clemons, and when asking where they would be living discovered that the address was very familiar. Ms. Mallison and other family members donated rose bushes in honor of her grandparents who had maintained beautiful roses when they had lived on Latham St.

The Clemons family has been exemplary in how they have expressed their excitement and appreciation for Habitat's blessing of helping them obtain affordable housing in our community. They have worked extremely hard to overcome several obstacles that would have discouraged most families.

In a letter last month from Teresa, she wrote:

"Things are coming together quickly and the closer the time gets here the excitement for the children and us is so overwhelming. This Holiday move says so much for our family, that Jesus heard our prayers and He answered them. We just had to have Faith and in that faith, He provided us with a new home, more space for family/friend gatherings, and so, so much more. Thanks again."

Welcome home, and may God continue to bless your family!

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Thank you to TWO MEN AND A TRUCK for providing your services for the Clemons family. **TWO MEN AND A TRUCK.**  
"Movers Who Care."



**ON THE HOME FRONT**

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**Habitat Happenings**

- 57th Home Dedication
- Outstanding Volunteers
- Restore Open Mon-Sat
- Great Outdoor Provision Company supports Habitat Dec 5
- Alternative Christmas Giving
- 10K and 5K Race March 20, registration now open [Habitathomerun.com](http://Habitathomerun.com)
- **Worksite volunteers needed for 2010**
- Visit [Habitatpittco.org](http://Habitatpittco.org) for more information
- **On-line Giving is now available**

**Board of Directors**

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**First Mortgage and Sponsors Raise \$45,000 for Habitat for Humanity**

This year was the 7th Annual Habitat for Humanity luncheon and it was a huge success thanks to the First Mortgage Corporation and

- UPS
- Grady White Boats
- Wal-Mart
- Midas
- Wells Fargo
- Select Bank & Trust
- Fairway Outdoor Advertising
- J&J Builders
- the Little Bank
- Greenville-Pitt Association of Realtors
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- University PC Care
- National Pen Company
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- Metrics
- Albermarle Bank
- The Greater Greenville Community Foundation
- Taff Office Equipment
- TrustAtlantic Bank
- CareMaster Cleaning
- Loc Doc
- The Jockey Club



A special *Thanks* to our wonderful volunteers for making this event so successful.

*Myth: Habitat for Humanity Gives Away Houses. Truth: Habitat homeowners purchase their homes from Habitat of Pitt County through low payments and 0% interest. The average mortgage is \$60,000 over 20 years.*

**First Presbyterian Delivers Early Christmas Present to Habitat Homeowners**

All 50 Habitat homeowners in Pitt County were pleasantly blessed and surprised this month with an early Christmas gift from First Presbyterian Church of Greenville. FPC has been involved with HFHPC over the past several years but they are particularly excited at this time since "one of its own" became the proud owners of a Habitat home recently. Terence Clemons and his family moved into Pitt County's 57th Habitat home on November 14th. Terence is currently employed by First Presbyterian Church. The leadership of FPC contacted Habitat in early November and notified them that they would like to use their Christmas Eve Offering to make the December mortgage payment for *every* Habitat homeowner! Thank you, Drs. Bill and Wanda Neely, Rev. Kerri Hefner, and the ENTIRE First Presbyterian family for your generosity.

## A Message from our Executive Director Buddy Holt



Dear Friends,

Habitat for Humanity of Pitt County is in the business of **transforming** lives; it's part of our Mission Statement, it's what we do. For every successful construction project that comes to conclusion, another one gets underway. For every family that is matched with a Habitat home, another one is waiting in the wings.

Come December 2009, Habitat for Humanity of Pitt County will have dedicated our 5th home for the year. A special thanks to ALL of our contributors and volunteers for another JOB WELL DONE. Your ongoing support helps with the ongoing realization of our very important mission. **TRANSFORMING LIVES....**

While we assume the responsibility of selecting the land and partner family, we continue to need the third ingredient required to make these **transformations** possible.....*your* financial support. Please prayerfully consider including Habitat in your giving over the next year. A gift of \$5000, \$1000, \$100, \$50, or \$10 will be graciously appreciated by our families as well as the rest of our entire organization.

### Volunteer Spotlight **Debbie James** First Mortgage Corporation

I recently ran across a thank you letter dated 10/17/03 that was penned by then Executive Director Pam Kesegi to First Mortgage Corporation. That letter acknowledged Habitat's appreciation for the **FIRST** FMC Luncheon at which a little over \$7,000 was raised. While that figure ballooned to over \$45,000 in 2009, one notable component of that letter remained the same...the name of Mrs. Debbie James as a major force in spearheading this event! There is no way that anyone other than myself, her fellow staff members at FMC and her bosses, Spence Cosby and Artie Rogers, can fully appreciate how much time, effort and passion this lady puts into making our luncheon the premier fund raising event for Habitat year in and year out. Beginning around the first of August, Debbie begins assembling her volunteers, sponsors, in kind donors, marketing, advertising and a host of other duties while still managing to perform her duties as an Executive Assistant at First Mortgage.



Throughout the months of August and September and up until the day of the event, on the first Wednesday of October, she is relentless in making certain that every detail regarding the luncheon is taken care of from printing the tickets, to having signs and banners produced, placing outdoor advertising, raising sponsorship money and coordinating deliveries.

Without Debbie's commitment and Spence and Artie's willingness to allow her the time & space, our Annual Luncheon would not be moving quickly toward the original goal of funding a complete Habitat home from **ONE** event! Perhaps the most awesome part of what Debbie does is her humility about her accomplishments and the credit she gives to her fellow workers for their part in the process. To simply say **THANK YOU**, Debbie, seems so inadequate! May God continue to bless you richly in everything you do!

## Habitat Stories.....Transforming Lives...One House at a Time

- A family of four who fled from war torn Colombia purchased their home in Greenville on November 1, 2008
- The 68 year old patriarch of a family of five was able to sleep in his own bed instead of on the living room floor, starting on the evening of January 24, 2009
- A single mother of two, tearfully and cheerfully revealed when she moved into her new home in Grifton on May 2, 2009 that she was the very first homeowner in her family
- On June 27, 2009 a single mother of three shares at her dedication that just three short years ago she was homeless and unemployed; today she is a homeowner with a job
- By the end of 2009-Habitat for Humanity of Pitt County will have completed their 58<sup>th</sup> home
- Vision for 2009-2010 is to build six homes

### Great Outdoor Provision Co.

The first Saturday of each December, Great Outdoor Provision Co. donates 5% of sales to local Habitat for Humanity affiliates. Habitat brings families in need together with volunteers and resources to build decent, affordable housing. **Join us Saturday, December 5 to Gear Up for GOOD!**



## Alternative Christmas Giving



Send a Holiday Card to a Friend. We make it easy!

As Christmas approaches, gift-giving becomes top-of-mind, especially when your list includes business associates, family, friends and that problematic someone who already has one of everything.

By making a donation through **Habitat's Alternative Christmas Card Program**, you can honor those who have impacted your business and or life.

Habitat will send a personalized card to announce your gift. Your friends, business associates, and loved ones will thank you for involving them in such a worthy cause-and for improving someone's life through decent housing.

Your **Alternative Christmas Card** is 100% tax deductible and a \$10 per order minimum is required.

Ordering that special Christmas Card is *easy*

Complete this form and mail to:

Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 514 Greenville, NC 27835 **Deadline December 18th**

Order your Christmas Cards on-line at **Habitatpittco.org**

Donate On-Line Now and check Gift Card Option

Contact Holly at 758-2947 Ext 100 for additional information

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## ReUse, ReCycle, ReModel, ReSTORE

What's great about the ReStore? Our mission at the ReStore is to provide revenue for Habitat for Humanity of Pitt County so we can continue to build affordable housing for families' right here in Pitt County. At the same time, we offer a means to recycle usable, well maintained items that provide economical alternatives for consumers

Our volunteers are the backbone of the ReStore. We hope you will think

of the Habitat ReStore when you are ready to volunteer your time, donate your tax deductible items, or to shop for that "one of a kind" item that you can only find at the Habitat ReStore. Having a Yard Sale? Call us and we will pick-up your left over merchandise. Call 329-8364 for additional information or to schedule a pick-up.

People should be living in HOMES not CARS.

Donate your Car

Donate your vehicle to help build homes.

