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August Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Wiregrass Habitat for Humanity focuses on one basic need, housing. Since 1990, Wiregrass Habitat for Humanity has helped 131 families become homeowners through new construction and rehabbed homes. Of these families, 15 have paid off their homes. We are not a short-term solution to housing, such as renting or HUD housing. We are not a band aid to homelessness. We are a long-term solution to the housing problem in the Wiregrass. We aren't about a hand out, but a hand up. Homeownership is a crucial foundation for helping low-income families find a path out of poverty. When they move out of substandard housing and into simple, decent, affordable homes, homeowners and their families frequently improve their health, educational attainment, safety and personal wealth.

The average cost of a two-bedroom apartment in Dothan is \$700 per month. That's almost twice an average Wiregrass Habitat for Humanity monthly mortgage payment. For low-income families on a fixed income, rent of \$700 per month is too great a burden, especially if they are supporting more than one or two family

We cannot say enough great things about the donors and shoppers in our ReStore. The donations and purchases help us continue our mission to build simple, decent affordable homes in Dale, Geneva, Henry and Houston counties. Thank you for your continued support. Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Call 699-1570 today to schedule a pickup of your donation.

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members. We work in partnership with families to build homes that they can afford. We work with donors and contractors who support our mission and help make the dream of homeownership a reality for many who thought that dream impossible. Thank you to all who help us build hope and build homes.

Amy Schutz

Executive Director

Builds Update

Thank you to everyone who has already shown their support for our upcoming builds. We couldn't do it without you!

Dothan Build - Walls are Raised!

What an amazing Saturday we had raising the walls on August 8th! With the help of Wells Fargo Bank and Wiregrass Habitat Women Build, we were able to raise all the walls by lunch! It was such a blessing to see the beginnings of this home. We are looking forward to many other great Saturdays with volunteers to help us

continue this home so that the Jacksons' are in their new home by Christmas! Thank you to all who have already signed up to volunteer! If you would like to volunteer, call the office at 792-8453 and see what days we have available!



Future homeowner Latonya Jackson working alongside volunteers on her new home.

Cowarts/Dothan Build

While we are building in Dothan, we are working toward raising the funds and supporters for our next build as well! This family of three would love to live in the Cowarts area to be close to family.

We are hoping to find property that could be donated for this build in Cowarts. If you can help with this build, please contact us!

Ozark Build

We continue to raise funds for our upcoming build in Ozark! This family of two has worked hard to fulfill their sweat equity hours so that we can start their home as soon as we have all of the funds.

Daleville Build

We are so grateful for the grant we received to help build a single mom and her three teenagers a home in Daleville. But we still need more funds to build the home! If you would like to help us to build a home in Daleville, call today and find out how you can!

Thanks for taking the time to catch up on your local Habitat affiliate. Hope to see you on a job site, at the Habitat ReStore, or at a home dedication sometime soon!

**Amy Schutz, Executive Director
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Creating simple, decent, affordable housing in partnership with low-income families, volunteers and the communities of the Wiregrass.

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