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# December Newsletter

Dear Friends,

*I would love to see a world where there was no need for Wiregrass Habitat for Humanity. Wouldn't it be great to fix all the problems plaguing humanity so there was no longer a need for organizations like ours? Ending poverty housing is our vision. Breaking the cycle of poverty by helping individuals and families become homeowners or perform critical repairs is how we work to do this. Men and women are more productive at work if they wake up in their own home and know they can return to it at night. Statistics prove people are more engaged in their own personal empowerment and in the betterment of their communities when they are property owners. Statistics bear out also that children too are more successful and engaged in school if they wake up with a sound roof over their heads, adequate heating and cooling, plumbing that actually works and that all important feeling of safety and stability. Decent, safe, affordable housing is one of the three basic needs everyone should have access to and what we work toward every day.*

*As we reach the end of the year, we reflect over what we have done this year as well as years passed. In 2016, we completed one home in Ozark and began two more, one*

**Are you purchasing new appliances or furniture for Christmas? Do you need to get rid of the old ones? Call and donate it to Wiregrass Habitat for Humanity ReStore! Not only are you keeping items out of the landfill, but it is a tax-deductible charitable donation as well! Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Call 699-1570 today to schedule a pickup of your tax-deductible charitable donation.**

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*in Dothan and one in Daleville. We worked with 15 families on critical home repairs, weatherization, and wheelchair ramps. We had 18 homeowners pay off their mortgages. In May, our Women Build participated in National Women Build Week as well as held their annual BBQ fundraiser. In October, our homeowners held their annual yard sale. In November, we enjoyed our annual Thanksgiving dinner with our homeowners, future homeowners and their families. What an amazing year it has been!*

*We have served over 250 families through new construction, rehab, critical home repair, weatherization and building wheelchair ramps in the last 26 years. Over half of those we have been able to help has been in the last six years. We are so blessed to be able to help build strength and stability through homeownership. Thank you to the donors and volunteers who have become friends not only of the staff, but our homeowners and Wiregrass Habitat over the years.*

*Amy Schutz  
Executive Director*



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**Builds Update**

## Dothan Build



The walls have been raised! Thank you to Wells Fargo Bank employees for volunteering with us this past Saturday! We had a great time with the Kirkland family watching their home beginning to take shape! We are already scheduling volunteer days with Larry Blumberg & Associates. They have been gracious enough to be the door knocker sponsor for this build with their contribution of \$5,000.

## Daleville Build



It's hard to believe that we have two homes building at once! We raised the walls last weekend in Dothan and will be raising them this Saturday in Daleville. We are so blessed to live in a community that comes together to support each other and give a family a hand up during this holiday season!

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**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  
Wiregrass Habitat for Humanity**

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

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