

The Blueprint Newsletter



Fall 2015

Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity

3644 Rainbow Drive

Rainbow City, AL 35906

256-543-1898

Welcome New Executive Director

Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity is pleased to welcome Tami Brooks as Executive Director as of September 1, 2015. Suzanne Scharfenberg will remain in her role as president of the board of directors as well as an active volunteer. Scharfenberg and her husband Steve, founded the affiliate twenty years ago and she has served as director during that time. "Although I will always remain as a volunteer with Habitat, we felt it was time to think about the future and focus on sustainability in order to continue the mission of the Habitat ministry," said Scharfenberg.



Brooks has worked in the non-profit sector in Etowah County since 2001 and prior to that had a real estate closing and finance background. "This position will give me a chance to use all of my skill sets. I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to lead the organization in its continuing mission to provide affordable homeownership opportunities, emphasizing homebuyer education in order to create empowered homeowners."

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Save the date ~
5th Annual
Habitat Dragon
Boat Festival
August 20, 2016

Happy Holidays



Applications Available till October 15th

Those interested in applying for housing should contact us as soon as possible at 256-543-1898 to receive a Pre-Screening form. **Deadline is Oct. 15th.**

You may qualify if you are living in poverty or substandard housing, have a steady income between \$12,200 and \$29,280 per year, are willing to work 300 hours of sweat-equity, and have lived in Etowah County for at least 1 year. Habitat for Humanity is an equal opportunity lender.

A day of grassroots action to advocate for universal decent housing

World Habitat Day is Oct. 5th, the one day set aside annually to recognize the basic right of all humanity to adequate shelter, and to encourage grassroots action toward ending poverty housing. The United Nations General Assembly declared in 1985 that the first Monday in October would be World Habitat Day.

On **Monday, Oct. 5, 2015**, as in years past, Habitat for Humanity joins with our partners around the world to rededicate ourselves to a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Show your support by volunteering, praying, and financially supporting our local affiliate. Join your voice with Habitat for Humanity all over the world to help raise awareness of the global movement and importance of housing issues.



ATTENTION! Volunteers Needed

Don't miss out on the opportunity to make a difference. **WILL YOU help?**

- ♦ **Wed. and Sat. workdays**
- ♦ **8:00—12:00 noon**
- ♦ **Call: 256-543-1898**
- ♦ **gehabitat@comcast.net**



2015 Board of Directors

Suzanne Scharfenberg—President
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Monica Gilmer
Mike Grieco
Jerry Mills
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Steve Scharfenberg
Tami Brooks, Ex. Dir.



Dedication House #47 ~ (Left) Bobby Dale Welch, Pres. GGHBA, presents the keys to homeowners, Allison & Jorge Alegria at the dedication of their house July 27, 2015. Their new home is located at 2111 Calhoun Dr. Greater Gadsden Home Builders supplied labor during the 2015 Home Builders Blitz Build. Habitat volunteers finished the project and the Gadsden Master Gardeners completed the landscaping. The Alegrias have 1 year old twin boys and a 3 year old daughter.

Groundbreaking Held Sept. 16th for

House #48 ~ Left, Alicia Veal shares a happy moment with Betty McElroy who is a 20-yr. faithful volunteer with HHF. Right, Alicia, Pastor Hersey Taylor, family, friends, volunteers and supporters mark the occasion. BBVA Compass provided grant support for the funding. Alabama Power Service Organization (APSO) will frame the house Nov. 6th. Gadsden State Community College Carpentry class will also be providing labor during the build along with Habitat volunteers.



Groundbreaking Ceremony House #48

A Word from the President



Dear Friends of Habitat,

Thanks to all the teams, sponsors and supporters of the 4th Annual Habitat Dragon Boat Festival held on Sat. August 15th. It was a successful event with 28 teams participating this year.

Our affiliate has sold 3 houses this year to families in need and have just begun House #48 in Adams Park in E. Gadsden.

Application are OPEN until Oct. 15th for those wishing to apply. Please contact the office for more information—256-543-1898.

We are pleased to welcome, Tami Brooks, as the new Executive Director. We look forward to continuing the mission of eliminating poverty and substandard housing in Etowah County. We invite you to be a part of a wonderful ministry that opens doors and touches hearts through education and the journey to home ownership.

Become a volunteer and consider asking your church to get involved. You will make a difference for a family currently living in substandard housing!

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers, contributors and supporters.

Suzanne Scharfenberg
President

In Memory ~

We are saddened by the passing of Dr. William Simpson who died on Sept. 12th. He and Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson have been most generous benefactors of Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity. House #29 was named the "Simpson House" in recognition of the generous funding provided by Dr. & Mrs. Simpson.

Thank You, Donors and Supporters!

April 8, 2015—Sept. 18, 2015

Individuals

Pudden McArthur *
ECCSCC
Juanita Miller *
Frances Patterson *
Joseph McKinley
Leslie & Clay Hix *
M. Porter
Jane Petty *
Richard and Marjorie Heberlein
Ronnie Watkins
Lana Rosson

Churches

Morris Friendship Class FUMC

Grants

City of Gadsden
BBVA Compass
State Farm
HFHI Blitz Build 2015

Memorials

Laura Slichenmyer by Ola Vay Majure
Virginia Heberlein by Marge & Richard Heberlein

In-Kind

Jim Copeland
David Livingston
Simmons Sign & Graphics
Elite Business, Bill Arnett
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4th Annual Habitat Dragon Boat Festival—Aug. 15, 2015



Thank You

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Championship Division Winners ~

Gold — Crossfit Rabid Red
Silver — Modern Woodmen Financial
Bronze — Crossfit Rabid Blue

Recreational Division Winners ~

1st—Gold's Gym
2nd—Northwestern Mutual
3rd—Meadowbrook Baptist Church



~ Awards ~

Best Team Spirit—Riverview Regional Med.
Best Decorated Tent—E. C. Board of Realtors
Best Drummer Costume—E. C. Bar Assoc.
Best Team T-shirt—Riverview Regional Med

Thanks Dragon Boat Teams

Alabama Alumni—"Row Tide"
BBVA Compass "BBVA Compass Crew"
Brute Fitness "Brute Fitness"
Choice Fabricators, Inc. "Choice FabricatOARS"
City of Rainbow City "GladiatOARS"
CrossFit Rabid "Rabid Blue"
CrossFit Rabid "Rabid Red"
CrossFit Rabid "Rabid White"
Episcopal Ch of Resurrection "Episcopaddlers"
E. C. Bar Association "LawyOARS"
E. C. Board of Realtors "HouseboatOARS"
E. C. Hotel Association "Hotels Gondola Wild"
Exchange Bank of AL "Taking It To The Bank"
First Baptist Church Glencoe "One More Pull"
Gadsden Orthopedic Assoc. "Bone Crushers"

Gadsden Parks & Recreation "Noccalu-OARS"
Gadsden Public Works "Gadsden Avenge-OARS"
Gadsden State Com. College "Cardinal Fury"
Gold's Gym "Team Gold's"
GGHA & Metro Bank "BuildOARS & BankOARS"
Meadowbrook Baptist Church "ConquerOARS"
Modern Woodmen Financial "Modern Woodmen Money Mafia"
Northwestern Mutual "Financial Avengers"
Regions Bank "Bancaneers"
Riverview Reg. Med. Center "The Riverview Rowing Warriors"
St. James Catholic Church "Holy Rowers"
Team One & N. Glencoe Baptist Church "SilveradOARS"
Trinity Meyer Utility Structures "Steelers from Steele"



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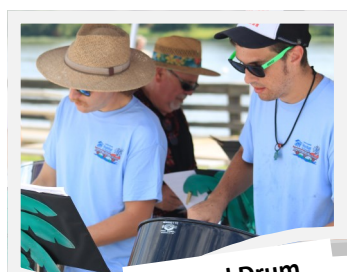
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Band at HDBF

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Volunteers at 4th
Annual HDBF 2015

