

The Blueprint Newsletter



Spring
2015

Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity

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Volunteers Show the Way

Alabama Power Service Organization (APSO) volunteers framed House #46 on Sept. 26th in N. Gadsden. The volunteers were under leadership of **B.D. Welch Construction Co.** and **Jerry Mills**, Senior Marketing Specialist with Alabama Power. The group raised the walls, installed trusses and roof sheathing.

"What an exciting day to see so many people give so much! It was a day filled with many blessings," said **Suzanne Scharfenberg**, President of the Board. A barbeque lunch was prepared and served on site by members of APSO.

Steve Hilderbrant, Alabama Power Area Manager spoke to volunteers during a break emphasizing the importance of community involvement and support. "Habitat for Humanity is looking

forward to future partnerships with APSO," said **Steve Scharfenberg**, Construction Coordinator.

"They gave us another great start," he said. The home was



completed by families and faithful Habitat Core Volunteers then

sold to the family on March 18th. The house Dedication Ceremony took place Friday, April 10th.



Home Sweet Home
~ House #46 ~
Home of the
Rob & Jessica
McArthur
Family



Volunteer of the Year

Mike Grieco, received the 2014 Volunteer of the Year Award at the annual awards banquet hosted by Alabama Association of Habitat Affiliates in Montgomery, AL on Jan. 15th. The keynote speaker was Mike King, Administrator with Alabama Housing Finance Authority.

Mike Grieco has been a volunteer with Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity since 2011. "Mike is a special volunteer because of his engineering experience and his ability to learn new processes quickly. He is a team leader in any work that we do," said **Steve Scharfenberg**, Construction Coordinator.

He attends every work day and does extra work between our regular work days. He also makes it a point to get to know all of our partnership families.

For the third year, Mike was a key volunteer in many areas of our highly successful fundraiser, the Habitat Dragon Boat Festival



(L-R) Steve Scharfenberg & Mike Grieco serving as Chief Marshal in the Athletes Village.

Mike Grieco inspires because he is always there and is always the hardest worker. Further inspiration comes from his other volunteer activities with his church and its school, St. James Catholic Church and School, and with the Catholic Center of Concern and Knights of Columbus.

HOUSE #45

The closing and dedication for **Cendee Pierre's** new home took place in February 2015.

House #45 is a 2-bedroom home in North Gadsden. The house is sponsored by Habitat for Humanity and funds from the 2014 Habitat Dragon Boat Festival.



House #45—N. Gadsden

Over 100 volunteers worked on Cendee's house. Special thanks to the GSCC Carpentry Class, the core team of volunteers and all the families in the pipeline.

The property for this home and House #46 was donated by Bill Fobbus.

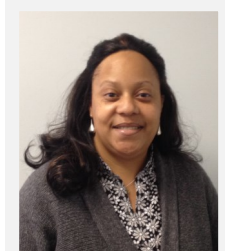
At right, Cendee accepts house keys from Suzanne Scharfenberg.



Welcome New Board Members



New 2015 Board Members:
(L-R) Jeff Montgomery, Mike Grieco, and (rg) Chari Bostick



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**
- ◇ **gohabitat@comcast.net**



Habitat
Dragon Boat
Festival
Saturday
Aug. 15th
Look inside ~
Registration
OPEN!

Special Times with Family and Friends



Left: Cendee Pierre thanks long-time volunteers (L-R) W. C. Murphy and John Parks during the dedication of her house (#45) Feb. 3rd 300 Summit Ave., Gadsden.



Groundbreaking Feb. 4th ~ House #47 ~ 2111 Calhoun Dr., E. Gadsden for the Alegria family of five. L-R: Vitalino Alegria, Fr. Jose Chacko (St. James Catholic Church), Jorge & Allison Alegria, daughter, Sophia, Rebecca Culli, and Pudden McArthur. Below: Alegria's twin boys, Giovanni and Jonathan, and Sophia.

A Word from the President



Dear Friends of Habitat,

Our affiliate is blessed with another successful year thanks to the support of volunteers and the community. We have completed four houses and have just begun a new project in E. Gadsden.

There are three new families in the pipeline working on their 'sweat-equity' and partnership requirements.

We are hard at work planning the 4th Annual Habitat Dragon Boat Festival on August 15, 2015. Team registration is open. Vendors are welcome to contact our office. There is limited space.

A very special thank you to **Steve Scharfenberg** who is retiring after many houses and many years of service as our Construction Coordinator. He will continue as an "active volunteer", he said. We are very grateful to **B.D. Welch Construction Co.** for stepping up to provide leadership in the construction area. *Butwe still NEED YOU!* We still need plenty of committed volunteers to accomplish our mission of providing simple, decent and affordable housing in Etowah County.

Consider asking your church to get involved. We usually work Wed. & Sat. Help where you can. You will make a difference for a low-income family currently living in substandard housing!

Congratulations to **Mike Grieco**, our 2014 Volunteer of the Year! Mike was recognized at the annual AAHA meeting in January 2015.

Thanks to all our contributors and supporters.

Suzanne Scharfenberg
President

2015 Board of Directors

Suzanne Scharfenberg—President

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Chari Bostick	Carol Clokey	Ty Dillon
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Be a Volunteer!



~ NEW FAMILIES ~

Sweat-equity



#49 Dunn Family

Budgeting

Hope

Friends



#50 Coker Family

Work

Volunteer



#48 Veal Family

Thankful

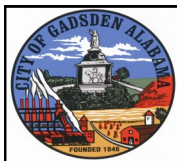
New Skills

New Families in the Pipeline ~ (L-R) Gary & April Dunn family, Alicia Veal family, and Emily Coker family

4th Annual Habitat Dragon Boat FestivalSat., August 15, 2015



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~ District #30 ~
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Jon Jones & Karen Thomas

Festival Partners



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~ Team Practice Sessions ~
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Time to Register Your Team Come join the fun!

- Registration forms at: www.habitatdragonboat.com
- By Phone: 256-543-1898
- By Email: gehabitat@comcast.net
- Deadline Friday, July 31, 2015
- \$2,100 per team (\$1,100 due with registration form)

Paddles UP!

Your Team Receives:

- Equipment - use of dragon boat, paddles, life jackets, steersman
- 90-minute practice with coach during week Aug. 10 - 14
- Tent space in Athletes Village
- Team Name and Sponsor recognition

Race Day:

- Awards for Top 3 Teams in Competitive & Recreational Division- Gold, Silver, and Bronze paddles
- Award for Best Drummer Costume
- Award for Best Team Spirit
- Award for Best Decorated Tent
- Award for Best Team T-Shirts (*new 2015*)
- Photo of your Dragon Boat Team available for purchase

Thank You, Donors and Supporters!

Donations Sept. 1, 2014 –April 7, 2015

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Hannah Berkey by Suzanne & Steve
Scharfenberg

Honorariums

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Sam & Leone Norris

** Given more than once this period*

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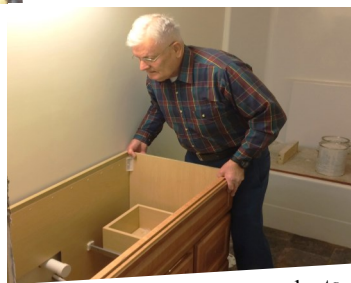
House #46 volunteers



Lynn Watkins, a great painter and faithful volunteer.



Future homeowners, Alicia Veal & Gary Dunn paint moldings



Larry Dooley a man of many talents.



Support Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity 3644 Rainbow Drive Rainbow City, AL 35906

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation in the amount of \$ _____ in support of building houses and changing lives.

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