

# The BluePrint Newsletter

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Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity  
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Welcome New Families

## Habitat Dragon Boat Festival Raises Funds & Fun!



#41 Takeyia Lipscomb & children, Miles and Milan



#42 Christi Roden & children, Vanessa and Alyssa

The inaugural Habitat Dragon Boat Festival was held Sat., Aug. 18, 2012 at Riverwalk Park along Rainbow Dr. Twenty-five teams participated in the exciting event raising enough funds to build another Habitat house in our community. Thanks to the 650+ athletes who paddled!

Winning first place with a time of 1:04.264 and receiving the Gold Paddle and gold medals was the team of "Orthopedic Brutes". Second place with a time of 1:05.065 and receiving the Silver Paddle and silver medals was "Ronnie's River Rats". And in third place with 1:05.198 receiving the Bronze Paddle and bronze medals was "Coosa Billies". Congratulations!

The winning team sponsors were first place, Brute Fitness & Northeast Orthopedic; second place, Ronnie Watkins Ford & BD Welch Construction; and third place, Gadsden City Council & Coosa Outfitters. We congratulate all the teams for making this event successful and fun for everyone. Paddles UP!

The Dragons will return..... Aug. 17, 2013!  
[www.habitatdragonboat.com](http://www.habitatdragonboat.com)



"Orthopedic Brutes"



"Ronnie's River Rats"



"Coosa Billies"

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### Welcome New Board Members



(L-R): Pudden McArthur and Gretchen Lowe



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## A Word from the President



"Tools Up" is a term we use on construction sites to stop building and start securing tools and ladders. This summer we added a new term in our vocabulary, "Paddles Up!". On August 18, 2012, we produced the Inaugural Habitat Dragon Boat Festival on the beautiful Coosa River and Riverwalk Park. The support of the community was immense and very gratifying. We had a wonderful, competitive event and it was a fun day for all.

Our Major Sponsors, Festival Partner, Team Sponsors and other supporters are all listed on this page. We thank them all. We are also indebted to Alabama Power and the Sheriff's Marine Police.

The festival was successful in raising funds for a Habitat for Humanity house which contributes to the sustainability of the ministry and proves again what a wonderful community we live in.

Please visit our websites and Facebook pages [www.gadsdenhabitat.com](http://www.gadsdenhabitat.com) or the website for the Habitat Dragon Boat Festival [www.habitatdragonboat.com](http://www.habitatdragonboat.com).

The date for next year's Dragon Boat Festival is Sat., Aug. 17, 2013—same place, same time!

In Christian love and partnership,

Steve Scharfenberg, President



**OUR MISSION STATEMENT** - Gadsden-Etowah Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing in our community and to make decent housing a matter of conscience and action. Our mission is to work in partnership with God and people everywhere to provide decent shelter in which people can live and grow into all that God intends.

# THANK YOU!

## Donations made between Sept. 11, 2011 and Oct. 26, 2012

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### Honorariums:

Kevin Odom by Wilma Odom  
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## Sponsors, Supporters & Partners Habitat Dragon Boat Festival 2012

### Major Sponsors:

The Gadsden Times  
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### Festival Partner:

The Etowah County Tourism Board

### Team Sponsors:

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AND NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS!!  
Thank you so much!





House #38

## A Partnership That Works

Volunteers, Families, and Community



Above: Luke Rosser, right, offers instruction on budgeting during Partnership Class. Second from right, Sarah Dudik, family advocate. Along with Brittney Young and Cobie Williams (left).



Tandria King & Mike Grieco



#39—Brittney Young & Steve Scharfenberg get to work on footings in Adams Park.



#41 - Volunteers raise the walls!

**Gifts From the Heart** bring help and hope to people in need of decent and affordable housing.

Your support through our **Gifts From the Heart** program, allows you to recognize the special people in your life in a way that will be especially meaningful to them—and to you.

Anniversaries, holidays, birthdays, weddings and tributes to those who have passed away are all welcomed opportunities to give **Gifts from the Heart**. Habitat for Humanity will send your honoree or honoree's family a beautiful card announcing that a donation has been made to Habitat for Humanity in his or her name.

To give **Gifts From the Heart**, please fill out the information below and return to HFH at: P.O. Box 7002, Rainbow City, AL 35906.

To: (Honoree Information—Card Recipient) *Enclose extra sheet if needed.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

From: (Donor Information)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Type: (Please select one)

\_\_\_ In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_ Holiday \_\_\_ Wedding  
 \_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Decedent's name)

Enclosed is my check to G-E HFH for:  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Gifts From the Heart**

## Habitat Dragon Boat Festival

Dragons Returning...Sat., August 17, 2013

TEAMS - RESERVE YOUR PLACE EARLY!

- ◆ Dec. 1, 2012 – March 1, 2013 - reserve a place in the dragon boat races with a \$200 deposit. Send along with your Captain's name, address, phone, and email address to: HFH, P.O. Box 7002, Rainbow City, AL 35906. Visit: [www.habitatdragonboat.com](http://www.habitatdragonboat.com)
- ◆ March 1 to August 1, 2013 - Team registration OPEN. To guarantee your team a choice location in the Athlete's Village, complete registration form and send \$1,100 to reserve your team location in the Athletes' Village (first paid—first choice).
- ◆ August 1, 2013 - Final payment of \$1,000 due (\$200 deposit will be credited if applicable).
- ◆ Number of teams participating is limited to forty (40) teams.
- ◆ Paddlers and Alternates: Teams may race with anyone age 15 and up. Only three (3) alternates are allowed per team. Each team must race with a minimum of eight (8) women paddlers. Your team will receive a time penalty of three (3) seconds for every female your team is short. The only exception to this rule – leave the seat empty for every female required. The drummer must weigh 160 pounds or less.
- ◆ **Paddles UP!**



**Best Team Spirit Award** won by "Row Tide" and sponsored by Alabama Alumni.



**Best Drummer Costume Award** won by James Ray of "Meadowbrook Man Church"



*Your Dragon Boat awaits.....*



House #38 - Dedicated Jan. 12, 2012~  
Cobie Williams and her children, Logan, Brody, Jacob, and Lenora (not shown) have happily settled into their new home on Tabor Rd.



House #39 - Dedicated Jan. 19, 2012 ~  
Brittney Young receives keys to her new home from HFH Pres. Steve Scharfenberg. She and her son, Kalin, are also enjoying the great playground near their home in Adams Park.



House #40 - Dedicated July 28, 2012 ~  
New homeowners, Bertie Jacobs (right) and son, Michael Jacobs, receive a bible from their advocate, Traci Pondick, during the ceremony in their new home in Attalla. Traci also serves as Family Support Chairman.



Above: Angie Freeman of DaVita Dialysis presents \$1,000 check to Steve & Suzanne Scharfenberg for Habitat for Humanity.

## Building Houses Building Dreams



Above: Hindsman Davis, CPA volunteers at House #40 on Day of Action.



Day of Action—Volunteers from GSCC take a break after landscaping project at the Habitat office.



Westbrook Christian School students volunteer annually with a Day of Service to Habitat for Humanity.



Right: Clay Hix presents \$5,000 grant from Wells Fargo Foundation to Suzanne Scharfenberg for HFH.

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