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HabitatNRV Quarterly Newsletter



A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

As we reflect on our accomplishments, we would not have come this far without the support of our community. Our donors, volunteers, and customers at our ReStore allow Habitat For Humanity of the New River Valley to build hope for those seeking affordable, safe, and efficient homes.

Our most recent seven-unit townhome project in Floyd is taking shape with completion in the fall. We look forward to continuing our relationships with Giles County Technology Center and Pulaski County High School, building affordable homes, and providing educational opportunities for our future workforce. Our Critical Repair Network continues to grow throughout the New River Valley with the assistance of volunteers, community grants, and a great construction crew. Our volunteer network success is imperative to deliver homes at the lowest possible price and complete more repair projects for those in our community.

Gratitude is the quality of being thankful. Therefore, I want to recognize the quality of service I witness daily from our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers. We could not complete our mission without your support. I am truly grateful for all of you.

Sincerely,



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OUR HOMES ON NEWTOWN RD

In August 2021, during his tour for the Build Back Better Act, U.S. Senator Tim Kaine joined HabitatNRV at a socially distant groundbreaking event for our 7 Townhome build on Newtown Road in Floyd. Since the event, progress has made leaps and bounds. These homes are well on their way to housing seven new Habitat families.



We recently had a wonderful volunteer workforce turnout from Blacksburg Christian Fellowship. Everyone had the opportunity to install blocking for cabinets, clean out and sweep up the downstairs of almost every unit, and foam gaps in the ThermaSteel panels. We've also finished the roof panels for the first unit.

The project is being funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s HOME Investment Partnership program. Each of the townhomes will have three bedrooms and two and a half baths, solid wood cabinets, composite flooring, zero-step entry with four units being ADA accessible, and all are Earth-Craft certified; saving homeowners 30% on energy costs. The homes are also located within walking distance of downtown. Applications are currently being accepted for potential homebuyers. Those interested are encouraged to apply by going to our website habitatnrv.org.



WENONAH AVENUE DUPLEX



The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association's (NRMCA) "Build with Strength Coalition" has created a new opportunity for HabitatNRV. The initiative to construct 50 sustainable concrete homes in 50 states in five years, has given us the opportunity to use insulated concrete forms (ICFs) for



the first time. The ICF's, provided by Chandler Concrete, are a sustainable, noncombustible concrete building system that will reduce upfront expenses and on-site construction time while maximizing the structure's durability and energy performance.

Qualify for a Habitat Home



- Demonstrate need for safe and affordable housing
- Ability to pay an affordable mortgage (earn 30-80% of the median income in the county where you live)
- Willingness to partner with Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley and commit to 200 volunteer hours

Interested in purchasing a HabitatNRV home?

Fill out our Inquiry Form: <https://www.habitatnrv.org/homebuyerinquiry>

Several other NRMCA members, have donated and/or discounted materials to this build including Quad-Lock, Salem Stone, Titan American, Roanoke Cement, Solid Rock, and Airfoam. The Giles Technical Center's Building Technology Center has partnered with us on this build to provide students with hands-on experience building a home while helping the community. Currently our staff is working with Conworx to have the concrete poured into the ICF's. We look forward to providing homes safe and affordable homes to two more families in Giles County.

ATMOS ZNE HOME



We've made significant progress on Atmos' Zero Net Energy (ZNE) home in Dublin. Since our groundbreaking ceremony featuring Pulaski County High School's CTE students, Setter Construction, Baseline Solar, and Atmos Energy in September 2022, students and staff hit the ground running. Earlier this month, we constructed the basement and main floor walls around the staircase. The cost of this home is covered thanks to the generous

donation made by Atmos Energy. The home is designed to produce as much energy as it consumes within a year. All ZNE homes are expected to have a Home Energy Rating System (HERS) index score of 0, meet Energy Star v3.1 criteria, and qualify for the EPA's Indoor airPLUS certification. This is achieved by using high-efficiency natural gas heating, water heating, and air conditioning equipment, building envelope efficiency, and rooftop photovoltaic solar technology.



HENRY AVE GTC/CTE HOME

GTC students did a wonderful job constructing our Henry Avenue Home. Since the home was moved from Giles County and placed atop of its permanent foundation in Pulaski, the dedicated volunteers from the T.G. Howard Community Center have stepped in to complete the remainder of the build along with the students of the Pulaski County Area Tech Center. This is our first partnership with Pulaski County ATC. We look forward to continuing our relationship with them on future builds.

Completion of this home is expected this fall. Applications are currently being accepted at habitatnrv.org/apply.



If you are interested in helping build a HabitatNRV home, you can. Check out habitatnrv.org/volunteer and sign up today!



Volunteer Today!

Ways to Give

There are plenty of ways to give to Habitat for Humanity, and they span from donating indirectly through shopping at your favorite stores, to auto monthly donations.



• KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS



• IN KIND DONATIONS



• DONATE A CAR



• SHOP AT THE RESTORE



• DONOR ADVISED FUND (DAF)



• DONATE ONLINE



habitatnrv.org/donate

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HABITATNRV RESTORE

What is the HabitatNRV ReStore?

The ReStore is a home improvement store and donation center with a large stock of gently used furniture, home goods, and building materials. Most items are donated from local businesses and community members. Select products are purchased at a highly discounted rate for resale. Profits made

from the Restore cover all administrative costs for our Affiliate. This ensures 100% of all monetary donations go towards providing decent and affordable homes in the New River Valley.

The HabitatNRV ReStore is located at 1675 N. Franklin St. in Christiansburg. When you shop or donate to the ReStore, you're supporting affordable housing initiatives throughout the New River Valley while redirecting waste from our landfills.

Interested in donating to the HabitatNRV ReStore?

If you live in Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Radford or Fairlawn, schedule a pickup through our website habitatnr.org/restore and we will pick up your item(s) for free!

We are interested in unused home project items, gently used furniture, appliances, doors, windows, unused contractor items, etc.

Local businesses looking to build a relationship with our non-profit can do so by recycling their returns, factory seconds, and discontinued inventory with us.



Upcoming Events

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| 20-Mar | Move Out Madness Begins |
| 31-Mar | Home Builder Expo Mixer |
| 1-Apr | Home is the Key Campaign Launch |
| 22-Apr | Repair Café |
| 20-May | Women Build |
| 17-Jun | Gearheads for a Cause Car Show |

Thank you to our 2023 ReStore Event Partners!



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