

Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Alabama Winter 2013 Newsletter



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New Home Applicant Orientation Dates Scheduled

New Home Applicants Must Attend Orientation

Individuals interested in applying for a new Habitat home must attend new application orientation. These orientations will be held at our office location at 4477 Military Street South in Hamilton (located in former Dowdle Gas building next to State Troopers' Office) on the following dates:



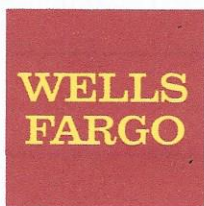
- Friday, February 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

At the orientations, applicants will participate in a presentation about Habitat for Humanity, the criteria required to qualify for a Habitat home and expectations of a partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Alabama.

If you are interested in applying for a new home, please contact our office to RSVP for one of these orientations.

Appreciation Dinner & Silent Auction Scheduled for February





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February 8, 2014 will be our Appreciation Dinner to honor and recognize our partners, donors and sponsors along with our Silent Auction. Stay tuned for ticket information and more details. We do hope you will be able to join us!



Energy Efficiency is a Top Priority for Our New Office



With the new office we are building in Twin to be our long term Habitat home, we want to take the opportunity to not only demonstrate the key elements of construction that are important to us as a builder, but to raise the bar for ourselves and offer a real asset to the community of Northwest Alabama. At the core of our 'above code' construction quality standards, we strive to make all of our Habitat homes energy efficient, earning the ENERGY STAR label on the last 4 homes.

An energy efficient home is one that not only has low utility bills over the life of the home, but is also more comfortable throughout, and has better indoor air quality and overall durability. For our new office we will showcase energy efficiency. We have been selected by the Alabama Association of Habitat Affiliates (AAHA) to work with a team of students and faculty at Auburn University to achieve a level of efficiency to be recognized at the national level.

The design team at Auburn, along with our Board President and energy efficiency expert, Tabetha Johnson will evaluate measures to allow our building to use very little energy upfront and generate some of that energy onsite through solar energy.

If you are interested or would like to learn more about energy efficiency; specifically, radiant floor heating, solar water heating, photovoltaic systems, and a well insulated building envelope, let us know and we will be sure to invite you to see these systems at work.

We Are Excited About Our Two New Programs!

Ramps & Rails is a new community betterment program using volunteer labor to substantially reduce the cost of handicap ramp & rails for qualified homeowner families. There is no charge for volunteer labor. The homeowner pays only for actual purchased materials, services and project support costs through a no interest loan.

A Brush With Kindness will assist low-income families with minor repairs on their homes so they can continue to live in safe, decent homes. A Brush with Kindness projects will provide exterior work that includes painting, minor repairs, landscaping or replacement of materials for the purpose of maintaining good or sound condition for qualified homeowner families. There is no charge for volunteer labor. The homeowner pays

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only for actual purchased materials, services and project support costs through a no interest loan.

Anyone interested in applying for one or both programs, can contact the office by phone or email to request an application.

SEC Compact

Collegiate Help is on Its Way!

We are pleased to announce that we will have students from several college campuses volunteering with us during March.



- Students from the University of Florida will be here partnering with us March 1-8, 2014
- Saturday, March 8, 2014 will be a BIG day! We have approximately 100 Students from the University of Alabama who will be here working on several different projects with us.
- Students from the University of South Carolina and Auburn University will be here partnering with us March 8-15, 2014
- Students from the University of Missouri will be here March 22-29, 2014

As you can see, we are blessed to have so many amazing, caring and generous students who are willing to give their time to come partner with us to make a difference in Northwest Alabama. We want to show all of these volunteers our Southern hospitality while they are visiting our area.

If you would like to volunteer to help feed a group or would like to donate items such as homemade goodies, breakfast pastries & breads, cereal, cereal bars, cakes, cookies, snacks, or drinks such as milk, orange juice, sodas, lemonade, etc., please contact our office at (205) 412-0501. Monetary donations to help feed these volunteers are welcome as well. We can also use travel size or full size toiletry items. We like to provide baskets with these items for them in case they forgot something or need additional items while they are staying with us. Thank you for helping to make these volunteers feel welcome!

Women Build in May

Join the Women Build Committee to Help Plan and Organize our 2014 Event

In honor of Mother's Day, we will have our second annual Women Build event in May 2014. The event is in the planning and organizing stage so please feel free to contact us if you would like to join our Women Build team of amazing women that CAN BUILD IT! Contact Teressa at (205) 412-9754 or by email at teressa.clark@nwalhabitat.org if you are interested in being a team member.





We have been busy! We had volunteers from the University of Alabama and Florida State University volunteering in our community. We are blessed to have these young people who are willing to give freely of their time. They not only worked on the site for the new office but also volunteered at community events in the area.

Partner with Us to Build Our New Office

We need your help to construct our future office located in Twin at Atkinson Farms. This 21.5 acre parcel will host not only our Habitat office but will also include an RV volunteer park and future subdivision large enough for 20-30 Habitat homeowner sites. Please help honor this occasion by dedicating a brick that will be incorporated in our walkway! 4" x 8" bricks are \$60.00 and 8" x 8" bricks are \$100.00. You may order as many bricks as you would like at a special price. Also, you can become an individual or corporate sponsor and be recognized on a plaque inside our office. Click [HERE](#) to order your brick(s) today or contact our office for more information.



Our family at Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Alabama wish you and your family a Merry Christmas filled with love, joy, faith & happiness and prosperous & healthy Happy New Year!

Blessings,



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