

What Habitat homeowners say about their homes ...

We started out basically homeless and now we're going into a home. It's taken us three years and a lot of work, and a lot of sacrifices.

I worked third shift every night. After work I'd go home and take a nap and go to the house site. I wanted to see my house from start to finish.

My kids will actually, for the first time, be able to go outside in their own yard and play and I'm not worried about if something's going to happen to them.

I was paying over \$500 a month for an apartment. Now my mortgage payments are under \$300. It's cut my housing costs in half.

I had always had a dream of my own home. Just living in that neighborhood, with the drug activity, trash on the ground, kids running around without parents attending to them—it showed me how much I wanted my own home.

Join Habitat Greenville for *an opportunity like no other*

If you want to see the blight of substandard housing and crime-ridden neighborhoods eliminated from Greenville County

If you want hard-working, low-income families to achieve their dream of homeownership and full community participation

If you want our communities strengthened by healthy families, decent homes, and safe neighborhoods

Habitat Greenville offers you an opportunity to join us in this community-building work.

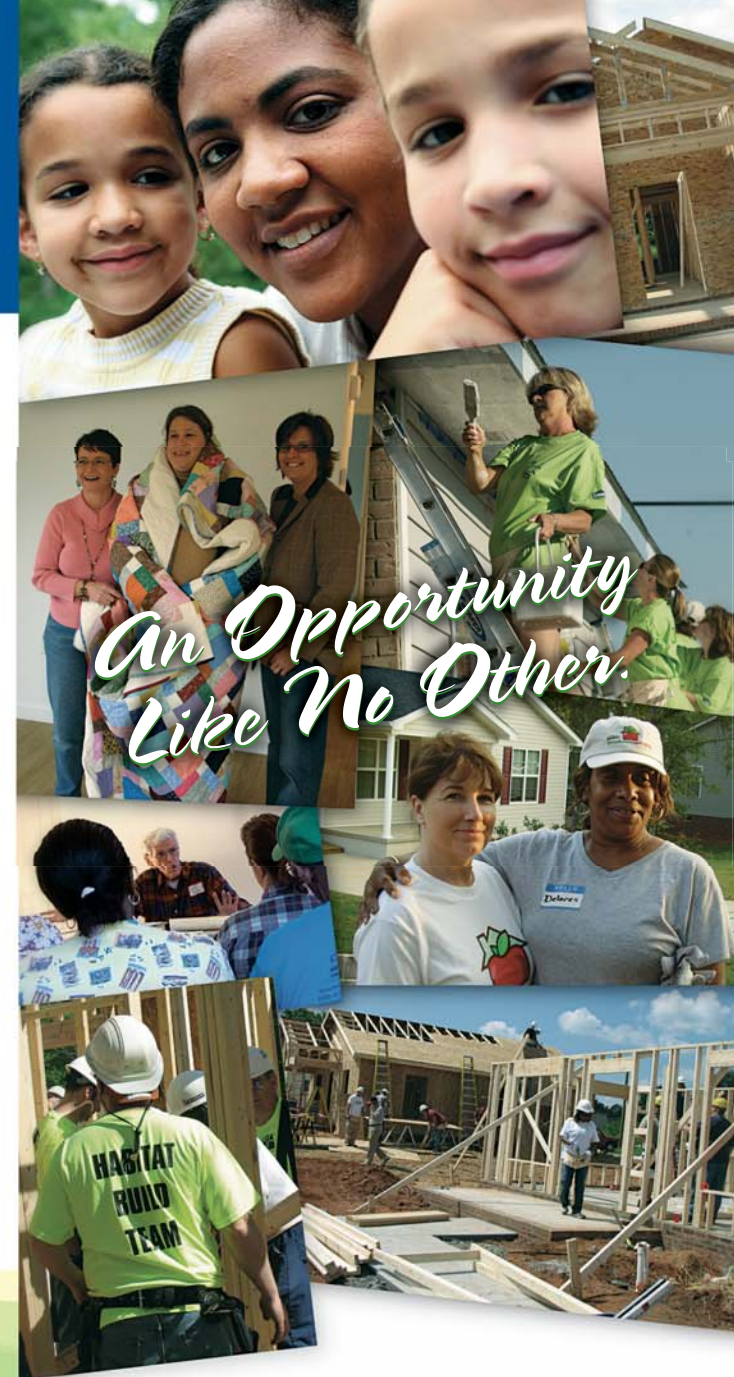
- Become a full or partial build partner.
- Support home construction with your generous donation.
- Volunteer on a construction site, in our Re-Store, or in the Habitat office.



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An Opportunity Like No Other.



Opportunity. *What does it look like?*

Habitat Greenville provides affordable, sustainable homeownership for qualified, low income families in Greenville County.

An open door. Stepping up. Hard work. Making a difference. Commitment. Satisfaction. Pride.

At Habitat for Humanity of Greenville County, opportunity looks like all those things and more.

The Habitat experience offers a world of opportunity to everyone involved. The lives of our families, donors, and volunteers are touched and changed as they see dreams of homeownership realized.

And Greenville County benefits, too. As homeownership increases, neighborhoods and communities are strengthened and families flourish.

The Habitat Greenville experience ...

It's an opportunity like no other.

An opportunity like no other for donors

Habitat Greenville donors truly have a vested interest in the families whose lives they have powerfully changed by their financial generosity. Build partners (typically companies, churches, and organizations) are donors who provide a home's construction costs in full or in substantial part. And the generous gifts of individual donors help bring Habitat homes to completion by filling funding gaps that inevitably occur.

Habitat Greenville donors and build partners know they have played a role in sustainably breaking the cycle of poverty in the lives of Habitat families.

An opportunity like no other for qualified, low income families

Through responsible, sustainable homeownership, low income families can break free from a cycle of poverty that often dominates their lives. The average Habitat Greenville mortgage payment is \$350 a month, \$300 lower than the average rent for a 3-bedroom apartment.

Children who grow up in family-owned homes do better in school—scoring 9% higher in reading and 7% higher in math; and these children are 50% more likely to attend college.

An opportunity like no other for Greenville County

Greenville County communities are refreshed and strengthened when the blight of substandard housing is eliminated and replaced by responsible families living in decent homes and safe neighborhoods. This year, \$121,000 in property taxes was paid by Habitat Greenville Partner Families.

An opportunity like no other for volunteers

Each year, some 2,000 volunteers work with Habitat Greenville to provide services to Partner Families and construction labor for their homes.

Volunteers have the opportunity to work side-by-side with Habitat Partner Families and have the joy of seeing the tangible results of their generous efforts.

“At the build kickoff, the Habitat family was introduced and the mother spoke. She told us she would be the first person in her family to ever own their own home. Her father had been a sharecropper and their family had never known financial security.

“I was sure there was much that this hard working woman could have shared of the difficulties she has experienced in her life, but her simple words of gratitude really said it all.

“As she spoke, a lump grew in my throat and I fought back tears. My heart was broken and joyful at the same time. Broken for the families who struggle with the hardships and perils of low incomes, but joyful that this mother and her children have an opportunity for a hopeful, bright, healthy tomorrow.”

**Monroe Free,
Habitat Greenville President**