



Sharing God's love by working with our neighbors to build homes, communities and hope through affordable home ownership in **Wayne & Lenoir Counties** so that everyone has a decent place to live.

FY25 IMPACT

Habitat families celebrate mortgage payoffs!



Habitat homeowner Maria Rodriguez shreds her mortgage during a “mortgage burning” ceremony in May as nine homeowners celebrated paying off the last of their home loans.

As Habitat Goldsboro-Wayne approaches its 25th anniversary in 2026, we have had the pleasure over the last two years to celebrate with 12 homeowners as they made their final mortgage payments.

For these families, completing this leg of their financial journey, being free of that debt, even as affordable as it is, is a great time for celebration. But it also has given them - and us - a chance to look back at their success and the impact that the opportunity for safe and affordable home ownership can have on a family.

Allen family credits midnight call 21 years ago for lives today

For Gwen Allen, Habitat for Humanity meant more than a new home - it was the start of a new life.

Living in a substandard house with failing floors and only recently added plumbing, she was working overtime just to get by. Despite credit challenges, she applied to Habitat and received the life-changing news one morning at 2AM after she returned home from a night shift and was too anxious to wait to return a missed call.

She and her three children put in their partnership hours together, building their future. After moving into her home in 2004, life began to shift. Gwen pursued her nursing career and earned her LPN and RN licenses, and is now a nursing supervisor at O’Berry Center.

In the meantime, her children also have thrived: her oldest son is a detective with the Goldsboro Police Department, her youngest son works in security in NYC, and her daughter is completing medical school.

Now mortgage free, Gwen reflects on how the stability of their Habitat home gave her and her family the confidence to dream bigger.

“The move, moving up, helped improve us. We wanted to do better. I think being able to have a better house gave them more self-esteem and they continued to strive. They realized they can do whatever they set their minds to do. They took pride in it and it gave them a boost to do better.”



Pictured with two of her children on their deck of their home in 2018, Habitat homeowner Gwen Allen, center, says she gives credit to her Habitat home and the stable foundation it helped to create, for her children’s success in life, as well as her own.

OUR IMPACT IN FY25...

5

new homes were sold to qualified families in Wayne & Lenoir counties, including 4 new construction and 1 rehabbed/recycled home

HOMES SOLD



14

families improved their living conditions thanks to our home repair program, focusing on roof repairs

EXISTING HOMES REPAIRED



952

volunteers spent

VOLUNTEERS



18,295

hours on construction, in the ReStore & helping our families

\$1,891,561

Habitat’s investment into operations & home construction, rehab & renovation

OUR ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$2,950,835

economic impact of Habitat’s investments

\$1.56

dollars injected into local economy for every dollar invested



\$1,546,139

local property tax paid in Wayne & Lenoir counties since 2001

OUR IMPACT SINCE 2001...



104

NEW HOMES BUILT



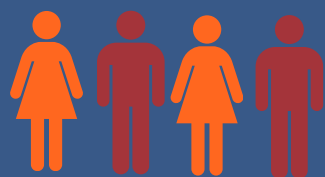
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HOMES REPAIRED



179

LOCAL FAMILIES



57

FAMILIES ABROAD



Coming Soon ...

McNair Heights!

Habitat to kick off year-long 25th anniversary celebration with Phase 1 of new Goldsboro neighborhood.

Located on a 25-acre tract along Dr. H.E. McNair Street, off Harris Street in Goldsboro, this mixed-income community is our next step in serving Wayne County.

With 31 total single-family lots in Phase 1, our plan is to build at least 25 new homes over the next four years.

Helping guide this effort is the McNair Heights Advisory Group - comprised of community leaders providing input on neighborhood design, as well as guidance on community organization, preservation and advocacy.

If you'd like to be part of supporting McNair Heights in any way, contact lstallings@habitatgoldsboro.org.



Jonathan Garcia, one of the students at the Habitat Construction Camp shows off his handiwork to his mother, Elizabeth Avellaneda.

Habitat builds community with first construction camp

In addition to serving families through our traditional home construction and home repair programs, Habitat Goldsboro-Wayne also held its first-ever summer construction camp at Wayne Community College this year, introducing 11 youth, ages 16-18, to the world of construction and the construction trades. Not only did the camp open eyes to potential career opportunities, but, as Executive Director Matthew Whittle told the students, “Here at Habitat we believe in the power of affordable home ownership and we believe in the power of community, and when you’re in the construction industry you have the ability to impact both. You can build houses that families will turn into homes. You can build classrooms where students will learn. You can renovate downtown storefronts where businesses will thrive. You are the people building homes, community and hope.”



Local electrician Robby Jenkins watches as Janna Atkinson prepares to wire a light switch.

WHAT YOU CAN DO?

Donate ... Volunteer ... Pray

Help as families build better futures and we build stronger communities on new foundations of strength, stability & self-reliance today!

Interested in making a financial or in-kind contribution or in learning more about legacy and planned giving?

Contact slack@habitatgoldsboro.org

Interested in a volunteer opportunity for yourself, business, church, civic organization or even a group of friends?

Contact Istallings@habitatgoldsboro.org

Interested in scheduling a speaker for your church, civic group, community organization or business?

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Pickups can be scheduled in both Wayne & Lenoir Counties

