

## A Brush With Kindness: A Roof Overhead – Lynne Cox

For the last 20 years Lynne Cox has been watching her roof deteriorate, getting worse with every passing year and each passing storm. Living in the home under a lifetime estate after her husband died several years ago, she said the roof was last replaced in late 1970s, and that since then, it has been a constant source of worry and stress – and disagreement over how best to fix it with her brother-in-law who co-owns the home.

But now, thanks to A Brush With Kindness' A Roof Overhead program, she doesn't have to worry about it anymore.

Made possible by a grant from the Truist Foundation, A Roof Overhead has been meeting previously unmet needs in Wayne County, helping five families repair their roofs and better secure their homes.

Ms. Cox explained that she heard about the program when visited the Habitat ReStore to shop – as she often does – and picked up an application.

“I thought this was something that could help. I've tried so many different programs and they all turned me down. Habitat was the first one to say yes,” she said.

And with leaks in every room, including one right above her bed in the bedroom, the timing worked out great.

“The leaks are so bad. It scares me when I have to go out and rain is in the forecast because I know I have to hurry home so I can put buckets out,” Ms. Cox said. “And then during the last hurricane I was scared the roof was going to fall in.

“So this just gives me great peace of mind. I'll be able to leave home for more than an hour a time.”

If you're interested in applying for A Brush With Kindness: A Roof Overhead, please visit [www.habitatgoldsboro.org](http://www.habitatgoldsboro.org), but funds are limited.

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*Lynne Cox sits in her home as work gets underway on her roof in early January 2021.*



***Roofers work on Lynne Cox's home to replace a 45-year-old roof that she said has been a constant source of stress and worry for the last 20 years.***