

From the Restore



Spring cleaning is almost upon us, and as you begin to deal with the accumulation of clutter in your home, don't forget Spike's ReStore. That useless item taking up space in your garage or that piece of furniture that looks so out-of-date in your living room is someone else's treasure. Why not donate it to the ReStore and by doing so help fund affordable housing for a deserving family? Besides, we will come pick that heavy thing up and save you the trouble of hauling it



pickups on Thursdays and Saturdays. Call 912-764-5777 and arrange a pickup today!

A trip to the ReStore is always a treasure hunt. Even though I work up front in the office I make time to look around the ReStore about twice a week just to see what's new. Every time I go in there, I find a treasure that I did not expect to find. Sometimes it's an antique from the distant past like the school desks pictured above or a beautiful piece of furniture like a lovely dining room table. Sometimes the treas-

A Peek into the Future



John Burgess has been selected to receive House 49. John's relationship with Habitat Bulloch began a few years ago as he cheerfully helped our volunteers dump stuff at the Recycling Center. John loves volunteering, and pretty soon he became a devoted volunteer at Spike's ReStore.

A little over a year ago, John approached us about his need for affordable housing. John loves the country and gardening, so we decided that John was the perfect recipient of House 49, a manufactured home near the Ogeechee River slated to be rehabilitated.

Being the devoted volunteer that he is, John has already accumulated all the sweat equity that he needs to receive a Habitat House. Yet we expect that our volunteers will be greeted with John's cheerful presence as he joins them in this renovation project.

We plan to begin active construction on House 49 as soon as House 48 is completed in April or early May. If you would like to pledge a donation for John's future home, contact us at 912-489-2076 and talk to Linda Christy, our executive director.



Habitat Bulloch has two additional future homeowners waiting in the wings for Houses 50 and 51. It has not been established yet which future home owner will get which house. In the foreground of the picture is future Habitat homeowner Randy Holman who is a single father with a six year old son, Quincy. Randy has been in the Statesboro area for over ten years

The Hammer of Hope

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Bulloch Builder Campaign

embarking on a fundraising campaign, called the "Bulloch Builder Campaign" with the goal of raising \$450,000 to fund our building program over the next two years.

If you are a home owner, consider what home ownership means to you. Now just think what home ownership would mean for someone like future Habitat Homeowner Randy Holman. He's a single father who works hard building small engines at Briggs and Stratton.

Please look into your heart and make your tax deductible donation today either by sending a check to Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County, P.O. Box 1253, Statesboro, GA 30459-1253. Or by giving online at HabitatBulloch.org. Lastly, the absolute best way to keep up to date on our fundraising progress is to send us your email address, so we can email you a monthly electronic newsletter. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Greetings in Christ:

My name is Mary Woods, President of Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County. The Lord has opened to us an opportunity to greatly expand our ability to make home ownership possible while helping to stimulate the revitalization of neighborhoods around Statesboro. This open door comes through a partnership between our Habitat and the Construction Management Department at Georgia Southern University.

With the new manpower and project management capability in mind, Habitat Bulloch has developed a plan to provide housing solutions for three to four deserving families a year over the next two years. To fund this increase in building capacity, Habitat Bulloch is

Sincerely
Mrs. Mary Woods
President HFHBC



House 48 Nearing Completion



The wrap is up and the doors and windows going in as House 48 located outside of Portal nears the final phase of construction. We anticipate that the completion date will be in late April and that the house will be dedicated and keys given to Ms. Benita Palmer at that time. Send an email to rdc@fontier.com to sign up for electronic updates, so we can keep you up to date on our con-

Thank you everyone! My dream of owning this beautiful home on my grandparent's land is coming true thanks to you!
Benetta Palmer



The Flag Program



Support affordable housing and honor the heroes at the same time! Purchase a subscription to **Habitat Bulloch's Flag Program**. For \$45 Habitat Bulloch volunteers like military wife and Flag Coordinator Raquel Collins and 9/11 survivor and future Habitat home owner Margaretta Patterson will put up a flag in front of your house on each of six patriotic holidays.



On September 11, 2001 I was four blocks away from my job in the twin towers when the first plane hit. When I think back on that terrible day when I lost so many of my friends and co-workers and when I think about the heroes who lost their lives trying to save them; it makes me proud to serve Habitat's flag program. Whenever I set out a flag, I think to myself, "This is so we never forget them."
Margaretta Patterson

Building Affordable Housing and Educating the Next Generation of



Habitat Bulloch has two resources not available to many other Habitat affiliates. We have Georgia Southern University and Ogeechee Technical College, both of which have construction programs which must provide students practical construction experience. For example, Ogeechee Tech handles all the electrical **for Habitat Bulloch's residential building projects**. We expect this partnership with Ogeechee Tech soon to include their developing carpentry program.

From the beginning students from Georgia Southern University have provided much, if not most, of the unskilled workforce for Habitat Bulloch's building program. However, Habitat Bulloch and Georgia Southern's Construction Management Department are kicking off a new

Once the program is fully developed, freshmen will provide the unskilled labor for the house-building projects under the supervision of advanced students. Sophomores and juniors will lead crews of freshmen with specific tasks assigned to them by seniors. The Seniors will manage the construction projects under the supervision and mentorship of Habitat's Construction

From the Construction Manager



Bill Kroutwald, Habitat's New Construction

This year the Georgia legislature will begin debate on a measure which if adopted will greatly benefit home owners. The measure would allow solar companies to install solar panels on home **owners' roofs for free.**

During sunny months the solar panels will produce more energy than the home uses, and that power would then be sold to the electric company by the solar company. The home owner would not have to pay anything during those high productivity months. During poor weather months, the home owner would only have to pay for the difference between the amount the household consumes and what the solar panels on their roof produce.

New Jersey has already adopted this, and my sister who lives there is already in the program. Boy is it saving her money big time this cold winter! If this program is adopted, I think solar panels will be the way to go for every home owner in the state. Not only will it be good for your pocketbook, it will be good for the environment.

I won't live to see it, but I envision a world where most of the power produced in this