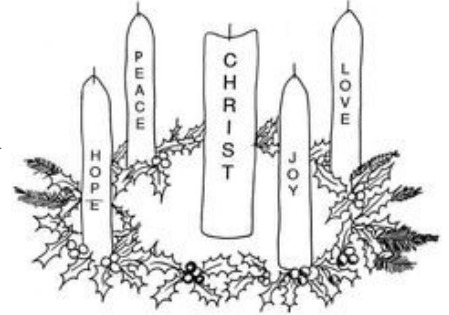


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Dear Friends,

All of us at Amherst County Habitat for Humanity wish you the richest of blessings as we celebrate the birth of the divine child born in a stable and nurtured in the home of a carpenter. Throughout the centuries, His message of love, joy and peace on Earth has been offered to all, no matter what our station in life may be. His message motivates us to work at providing decent housing to God's people in need. As Isaiah 32:18 says, "My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, undisturbed places of rest."



Do you know that Habitat is one of the top internationally known brands? Everyone recognizes the logo & everyone knows that Habitat builds houses BUT few know anything about how the program works. Our New Construction Program serves families that fall in the 30% to 60% range of the medium income for Amherst County. The medium income is \$60,300. Our families are the middle of the road...those that fall into the gap between public assistance and qualifying for a conventional loan. How easy it would be for these families to just give in and slide on down the ladder instead of striving to improve their lives! Our volunteer labor base lessens the cost of our homes and our self-financed 0% mortgages then funnel the house payments back into our system to pay our expenses, thus every penny donated goes straight into the build process. Also, all New Construction homeowners must complete a financial education course. Our desire is to prepare our homeowners for success!

Our other programs are A Brush of Kindness & Aging In Place. These are rehab programs that are fully funded by special grants, individual family sponsors such as a church, or special funding in conjunction with other non-profits. These are projects usually under \$2000 which allow a person, generally disabled or elderly, to remain in their home.

This year we have already completed 3 new homes, a Veteran rehab and an Aging In Place handicap bathroom installation. Construction has begun on House #36 and House #37 is finalizing the application process. We also have two more rehabs in the preconstruction/grant application stage!

Our community involvement has exploded! We have learned that events are not only about raising money. Events are a community service, a meet & greet of sorts, and a chance to educate the public on just what Habitat does. We have sponsored or taken part in 10 events, as well as several speaking engagements. We are always willing to share Habitat with your church or civic group. (CONTINUED)



Christmas Giving



Donor Name and Address: _____

_____ **Enclosed is my Christmas Gift to Amherst County Habitat.**

_____ **Enclosed is my gift to Amherst County Habitat to honor or remember those listed. The gift will be acknowledged with a Christmas Card.**

Donation in ___ Honor or ___ Memory of: _____

**Christmas Card Delivered to
Name and Address:** _____

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*God will show His mercy forever to those who worship & serve Him.
Luke 1:50
Merry Christmas!*

(CONTINUED) Habitat International’s goal is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the face of the Earth by building adequate & basic housing. All efforts are for the ultimate purpose of putting shelter on the hearts and minds of people in such a way that poverty housing & homelessness are socially, politically and religiously unacceptable. Amherst County Habitat for Humanity is an independent subsidiary of Habitat International. Our desire is to continue to strengthen the family units of Amherst County by building a minimum of two new construction and 2 rehabs a year. But in order to do this, we need your continued support. Donate, volunteer, and attend our local events.

This Christmas, we are asking that you be inspired by the carpenter who built the modest home in Nazareth for the holiest of families. Please remember Amherst County Habitat on your Christmas gift list. We will graciously accept your gift in honor or memory of a loved one and will send a Christmas card acknowledging your donation. This will be a gift that never needs to be returned or exchanged. Your gift will endure season after season, as Habitat continues to change the lives of one family at a time.

Merry Christmas!

Barbara Towler, Board President

Debbie Habel, Executive Director

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Presidents Message:

I want to THANK each of our donors for helping us to be a blessing to others. Many of us hear about people in need everyday. But how many of us are willing to help with that need.

I have found that Habitat is a willing helper. All of humanity deserves a decent place to live, but all of these needs cannot be met today. Most of them because of the cost. When you and I give personally, thru our churches or our places of business, all these funds go directly to the building of a HOME!

In the coming days as we celebrate Christmas, I ask each of you to consider giving to Amherst County Habitat for Humanity, either financially or by volunteering! You will be able to bless someone who is unable to own a home of their own without your help and mine.

Come by our office or call and ask how you can help others less fortunate.

YOU WILL BE BLESSED!!

Barbara Towler, Board President

Interested in receiving occasional updates about our events or volunteer opportunities?

Send your email address to amherstcountyhabitat@gmail.com
or
“Friend” us on Facebook at “Amherst Habitat”.

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2. Donate using PayPal. A link is on our website for you to make a secure donation. amhersthabitat.org
3. Designate Amherst County Habitat on your United Way donation.
4. Giving old cars to Amherst County Habitat for a tax deduction.
5. Giving land to Amherst County Habitat for an appraised value tax deductible donation.
6. We also give tax deductions for donations of supplies and professional skilled labor.

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 ▶ Your Prayers
 ▶ Donations and Volunteer Support
 ▶ Corporate and Church Sponsorship of Homes
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