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Blessings continue for Grace with Warrick Dunn



Earlier this month, Grace and her family were recipients of the Warrick Dunn Charities Homes for the Holidays program. Through this program, the charity furnishes homes of single-parent families, such as Grace. Grace has faced many struggles since moving to Georgia, but her faith kept her strong and determined. Her main focus has always been providing for her children and giving them a safe, stable and secure home.

Grace recently celebrated her Gwinnett Habitat home dedication and has been busy planning their move into their new home. She was under the impression she would be spending the morning being interviewed for a media story, but instead was greeted by Warrick Dunn. She told her story and shared her thankfulness when Warrick Dunn then presented her with a \$5,000 check to go toward her down payment. Next, Grace was invited to step inside her home with her children. As Grace opened the door to her new home, she saw it had been completely furnished. While her children ran from room to room, excited to see what was behind each closed door, Grace took a moment to breathe. "We didn't expect this. Wow! I am speechless." Everything was included, from furniture, electronics, and appliances, to bedding, food, and tools.

Grace and her children continued to celebrate the following day by immediately moving in. Special thanks to sponsors Ryan D. Jumonville and Aaron's Inc. for making this all possible.

Since 1997, Warrick Dunn Charities has focused on providing programs and services for single parents who are committed to achieving stability for their families. Homes for the Holidays, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity affiliates, and others, is a way for Warrick Dunn to extend his mother's dream to other single parents working towards first-time homeownership. To read more: habitatgwinnett.org/blessings-for-grace. 🏠

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Greetings From Your Lawrenceville ReStore

If you've never been to the Gwinnett ReStore in Lawrenceville, you are missing out on this great resource. The ReStore is a good deal for you, your community and the environment.

Gwinnett ReStore is a home improvement store and donation center that sells new and gently used furniture, appliances, home accessories, building materials and more to the public at a fraction of the retail price.

So, how are they associated with Gwinnett Habitat for Humanity? A portion of the profits goes to Gwinnett Habitat to help build strength, stability, & self-reliance through shelter. It's as simple as donate, shop, build homes!

To donate your gently used items, please give us a call on our donation hotline at 770-962-4200, or schedule your free pickup online at: <http://suburbanatlantarestores.org/donate>.

We want you to know how grateful we are for your continued support. As a donor, shopper and volunteer, you help Habitat for Humanity build homes and hope for families right here in Gwinnett County.

Thank you,

The staff & volunteers at Gwinnett ReStore
 2100 Riverside Pkwy, Lawrenceville GA 30043

Crew Leader team grows and other construction updates



Our New Construction team has had a very busy 2019 Build Season! We started off the year with five empty lots, five homeowners eager to begin their journey and a plan ten months out! This year has been one of the hottest we've ever had, with temperatures often exceeding 90 degrees. No matter what the thermometer read, our volunteers, Thursday Crew, Crew Leaders, House Leaders, and staff always showed up and worked extremely hard alongside our homeowners.

In August, we completed two homes: our Veterans Build, #gwinnettbuild140, and #gwinnettbuild141. There were over 60 community members who joined in celebrating the dedication of these homes on August 24th for homeowners Octavia and Grace!

Abigail's home, #gwinnettbuild142, is almost finished. We are excited to dedicate her home on October 26th. For details and to join us: <http://bit.ly/2HsVYi>.

Our final two houses #gwinnettbuild143 and our Faith Build, #gwinnettbuild144, are on the homestretch. Shannon and Jamie, the homeowners for House #143 and #144 respectively, have been out on the build site since we started this build season back in April and are continually excited to see the progress on their homes. These final two homes for this year are scheduled to be dedicated in December.

The 1.07 acre of land that was once a vacant wooded lot, collecting garbage and debris, has now been transformed with beautiful single family homes adding value to the neighborhood. We owe a huge thanks to our Construction Manager, Cliff Shields, for all his hard work and leadership in getting these home builds accomplished!

Thanks also goes out to our two House Leaders, Paul Stoffle and Chuck Burseson (pictured above training our Crew Leaders on framing). This was Paul's first year as a House Leader for Gwinnett Habitat for Humanity and Chuck has now worked on 65 Habitat homes! In addition to increasing the number of builds this year, we also added to our team of Crew Leaders! Dennis Fleming, Pat Funk, Richard Morales, Chuck Mull, Ricardo Perez, Maria Ospina, and Steve Richardson. Thank you for your willingness to learn new skills as Crew Leaders and lead our volunteers during the build days! 🏠

Gwinnett County currently has over 93,000 adults over the age of 65 and this elderly population will outnumber children over the next decade. Also, 40% of the current housing stock in Gwinnett County was built prior to 1990 – that includes over 105,000 housing units that are 30+ years old and will dilapidate over the next 5-10 years.

We must make affordable homeownership for this growing elderly population a reality so that they can age in place with the comfort and dignity that they deserve.

Have you heard of our **A Brush With Kindness** program? This is our critical home repair and preservation program that serves eligible low-income elderly, veteran, and disabled homeowners so that they can continue to live in safe, decent, and affordable homes for years to come.

Looking ahead to 2020, we plan to grow our A Brush With Kindness program by 40% and serve at least 45 households. None of this work would be possible without the support of our community.

Please keep the Gwinnett Habitat mission close to your heart when making your holiday giving plans this year.

A gift of \$500 will help us fund projects like painting, pressure washing, landscaping, and installing safety bars to accommodate accessibility. A gift of \$1,000 will help us fund larger projects including roof repairs, minor carpentry, electrical, or plumbing repairs, and installing a wheelchair ramp.

This holiday season, we set a goal to raise at least \$15,000 to fund 1/3 of next year's A Brush With Kindness projects. To support this initiative, visit www.habitatgwinnett.org and click "Giving". Please designate your funds to *A Brush With Kindness* if you would like to support this initiative and help us serve more homeowners with critical home repairs in 2020.

Thank you in advance for your generosity! Together, we are building strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. 🏠



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A Unique Way to Partner with Gwinnett Habitat – Through your IRA Distributions

If you are receiving annual income from an IRA, you are likely paying more in taxes each year. But there is a way you can reduce your tax bill and give back to your community through Gwinnett Habitat!

If you are 70 ½ or older, rather than simply taking an IRA withdrawal this year, you can direct your IRA administrator to distribute a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA to Gwinnett Habitat.

Any amount you transfer counts against your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). You can direct up to \$100,000 in total each year and pay no income taxes on the amount transferred.

This IRA rollover only applies to traditional IRA accounts. If you have a 401K or other retirement account with minimum distributions, you may be able to roll funds into an IRA to make a gift. 🏠



Reach out to **Randi Sayers, Director of Philanthropy**, to learn more about these and other opportunities to invest in our mission to provide safe, decent, affordable housing in Gwinnett.

Email: rsayers@habitatgwinnett.org

Phone: 770-931-8080 x1025

Help Us Find Adequate Land and Properties!

As Gwinnett County continues to grow, acquiring land for Gwinnett Habitat's home projects is becoming more challenging. If you are aware of raw land for sale, or houses for sale that are in need of repair, renovation or demolition, we would love to hear from you!

We are looking for RAW LAND that:

- Is a buildable lot for a 1,200-1,500 square foot house
- Cost under \$40,000 (20% appraised home value)
- Could be donated (*donor will receive a letter of donation for tax purposes*)

We are looking for HOUSES to rehab or demo that:

- Cost under \$80,000
- Are salvaged due to storm damage/fire, foreclosed or are HUD properties
- Could be donated (*donor will receive a letter of donation for tax purposes*)

If you know or are aware of such properties or would like to speak to us about the sale or donation of your property, please contact our Executive Director, Brent Bohanan, at (770) 826-4638 or bbohanan@habitatgwinnett.org.

Thank you for your support and for helping us to create affordable housing in Gwinnett County.



**PO Box 646
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Become a HopeBuilder and help us meet the needs in Gwinnett County.

- Make a donation to Gwinnett Habitat
- Volunteer on one of our build sites
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**For more information, visit
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Executive Director's Corner

This year has been a great year for Gwinnett Habitat and our community! We have already completed two new homes for hard-working families and have three more new homes that will be completed by December. We have also served 20 households with much needed home repairs for seniors, veterans and those with disabilities. Our community has rallied to address the need for affordable housing. More than 33 businesses, churches and other civic groups have sponsored our projects financially while over 423 volunteers have given the gift of their time (5,664 hours) to serve. Because of our awesome community support, 25 families will be able to enjoy Christmas this year in their own homes.

As the holidays approach, we ask that you consider as part of your holiday giving, a year-end donation to support our home repair program. Our A Brush with Kindness program provides the repairs needed to allow our growing elderly population to age in place with comfort and dignity. Your gift can help us reach our goal of \$15,000 to serve an additional 20+ seniors in 2020 with this crucial service. See Randi's article on page 3 for more details.

Thanks again for your support of our mission. Together, we are building strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. Enjoy your fall. God bless. 🏠

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